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QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS students have been selected to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Senior District Festival, All-State Music Festival, and the NAfME All-Eastern Treble Chorus. Front row (left to right): Band Director and Citywide Music Department Chairperson Michael DeMarco, Yu Fan Mei, Mary Doherty, Devereux Fuller, Christiana Nguyen, Fanny Yang and Choral Director Timothy Carew. Back row: Band Director Matthew Cavanaugh, Matthew Hollatz, Gio Mackenzie, Maya Egan, Lunn Tha and Choral Director Joanna Compitiello. Story, other photos on Page 2.

Sen. Keenan Undecided On Bill Legalizing Teachers Strike

By SCOTT JACKSON

Sen. John Keenan said he does not know whether or not he would support a change in state law that would allow teachers unions to go on strike if such legislation comes up for debate on Beacon Hill.

Public employees in Massachusetts, including teachers, are presently not allowed to go on strike. Teachers in Woburn were in the midst of a week-long

strike when Keenan spoke to The Sun, however, and teachers in Malden and Haverhill walked off the job this past October.

Closer to home, the contract between the city and the Quincy Education Association expired prior to the start of the current school year. The city was able to finalize new deals with other public employees' unions, including those representing

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Municipal Broadband Enterprise Fund Sought

By SCOTT JACKSON

As the next step toward establishing a municipal broadband network, city officials have proposed creating a new enterprise fund.

Mayor Thomas Koch and Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain introduced an order to establish a municipal broadband enterprise fund at the City Council's meeting on Jan. 30. The item was referred to the council's finance committee for consideration at a later date.

An enterprise fund would operate separately from the city's general fund. Quincy

currently has enterprise funds for sewer and water operations, which are funded by sewer and water rate-payers rather than general fund revenue.

Cain said the establishment of the new enterprise fund is the next step towards launching the municipal broadband network.

"This is the next step in a series of five years that we've spent working on this project to move this municipal broadband system forward," he said.

"I appreciate my colleagues' support on this. Re-

ally this is a resident-driven initiative and it continues to be. This is the number one issue I continue to hear from residents about. We're moving it along as fast as possible and we'll have a robust discussion about this establishment when we have our next finance meeting."

Councillor Nina Liang thanked Cain for his work to bring the new broadband network to Quincy.

"I just want to quickly commend and thank my colleague for not only leading this initiative but being so proactive and making sure

that it stays a priority," she said.

"I know Comcast recently just jacked up their prices and this is another example of how we're just at their mercy...As a resident and a colleague, I thank you for your hard work on this."

Council President Noel DiBona shared a similar sentiment.

"This enterprise fund is the next step in the right direction," he said. "I appreciate all your patience on this as the constituents out there are waiting patiently as well."

Cain first proposed the idea of creating a municipal broadband network in 2018, when he introduced a resolution asking city officials to study the concept. One year later, Cain and Koch announced that the city would be working with EntryPoint Networks to begin that study.

Under the model the city of Quincy is pursuing, the city would not act as an internet service provider, or ISP, once the new fiber-optic network is installed. Instead, the city will open up the infrastructure to other ISPs, giving residents and businesses who participate in the new network the chance to pick and choose who they get internet service from.

As part of the plan to develop a fiber-optic network in Quincy, EntryPoint Solutions and the city surveyed residents to gauge their interest. Jeff Christiansen of EntryPoint Networks told city councillors in December 2020 that 10,000 residents responded to the survey, 80 percent of whom said they were interested in participating in the municipal broadband program.

That same survey showed residents currently pay \$90 a month for internet service on average, Christiansen said. If Quincy were to create a municipal broadband network, he said the cost for basic internet service could be in the range of \$48 to \$55 a month.

Councillors Seek Update On Empty Liaison Post

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors want to know why a community liaison position in the mayor's office remains unfilled seven months after the position was created.

The City Council on Jan. 30 approved a resolution seeking an update from the administration on its efforts to fill the community liaison position. The resolution was approved in a 7-0 vote that evening; Ward 1 David Mc-

Carthy was not present at the meeting.

The community liaison position was included in the budget for the current fiscal year, fiscal year 2023, which began on July 1, 2022, at a salary of \$75,000. Mayor Thomas Koch has said the position and its salary were both recommended by a nine-member equity and inclusion commission. Koch announced he would

be forming that commission in March 2021 instead of providing funding for a new Department of Social Justice and Equity that city councillors had approved creating earlier that year.

In an interview earlier this January, Koch said only one applicant had applied for the new liaison position and that applicant was not qualified for the job.

The resolution approved

on Jan. 30, which was introduced by Councillors Anne Mahoney and Nina Liang, asks the administration to provide an update on efforts to fill the liaison post. It also asks that the equity and inclusion commission's recommendations be provided to the City Council.

Speaking during that evening's meeting, Mahoney said it is important to know

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Ward 4 Election Results On Sun Website

Results from Tuesday's Ward 4 council special election were not available when The Quincy Sun went to press Tuesday evening.

Results will be posted on The Quincy Sun website when available. Visit www.TheQuincySun.com.

Results will also appear in print in the Feb. 16th issue of The Quincy Sun.

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Quincy Public Schools High School Music Students Accepted To Multiple Prestigious Festivals

The Quincy Public Schools announces the accomplishments of the following students who were recently selected to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) Senior District Festival, All-State Music Festival, and the NAFME All-Eastern Treble Chorus.

North Quincy High School Choir students, Maya Egan, Gio Mackenzie, and Lunn Tha, and Band student, Fanny Yang (Bassoon) as well as Quincy High School Choir students, Mary Doherty, Devereux Fuller, and Matthew Hollatz, and Band student, Yu Fan Mei (French Horn), were selected to participate in the MMEA Senior District Festival on Jan. 6th and 7th. The Festival included high school musicians, se-

lected by audition, from 30 Eastern Massachusetts cities and towns. A concert of challenging repertoire was performed at the Boston Latin School. Choir members, Lunn Tha and Devereux Fuller met the qualifying score to participate in the MMEA All-State Music Festival, which culminates in a concert at Symphony Hall.

Auditioning MMEA students are required to prepare musical scales, an assigned vocal or instrumental solo, as well as demonstrate their sight-reading skills. Every step in this process is evaluated by judges from around the state and only the top-ranking musicians in grades 10-12 are accepted. With each round of auditions, the process becomes more selective as the pool of stu-



CHRISTIANA NGUYEN
Grade 12
All Eastern Treble Chorus

dents grows.

Christiana Nguyen is the first Quincy Public Schools student to be accepted into the prestigious National Association for Music Educa-



FANNY YANG - Grade 11
Senior Districts Concert Band - Bassoon
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YU FAN MEI - Grade 12
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tion (NAFME) All-Eastern Treble Chorus.

Christiana will join talented high school music students from 12 other Eastern U.S. states in Rochester, N.Y. to rehearse and

perform at the NAFME All-Eastern Honors Concert on April 16.

The Quincy Public Schools high school music faculty includes choral directors Timothy Carew and

Joanna Compitello, band director Matthew Cavanaugh and band director and Citywide Music Department Chairperson Michael DeMarco.



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Essex Piano Trio Concert Sunday

The public is invited to the Thomas Crane Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 12 for an afternoon concert from 3 to 4 p.m. in the beautiful historic Richardson Building featuring the Essex Piano Trio.

The Essex Piano Trio (EPT), all hailing from Essex County, are violinist Ashley Offret of Salem, cellist David Cabral of Lynn, and pianist Beverly Soll of Rockport. The trio's primary goal has been to grow as musicians while making the best music possible to share with its audiences.

Pianist Beverly Soll (University of Illinois and University of Maryland) holds a DMA in chamber music/piano. Ashley Offret is a violinist (University of Maine) and music historian (MM, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music). Cellist David Cabral studied at the Boston Conservatory but works as chief echocardiographer at Boston Medical Center's Department of Pediatric



THE ESSEX PIANO Trio will perform in concert Sunday, Feb. 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Crane Public Library.

Courtesy Photo

Cardiology.

Doors will open 15 minutes before the start of the program.

The concert is sponsored

by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library.

This event will also be livestreamed to the library's YouTube channel.

\$150,000 Approved For School Projects

Improvements At Three Elementary Schools

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors recently approved a \$150,000 appropriation to study and design improvements at three of the city's elementary school buildings.

The \$150,000 will go towards the feasibility study and schematic design for the replacement of the boilers at the Parker Elementary School and partial roof replacements at the Montclair and Wollaston elementary schools. School Supt. Kevin Mulvey previously said work on each of those projects could take place over this summer.

The city is partnering with the Massachusetts School Building Authority on those projects through the MSBA's accelerated repair program. By working with the MSBA, the city will be eligible to receive

reimbursement for a portion of the project costs.

During the Jan. 30 City Council meeting, the city's commissioner of public buildings, Paul Hines, said the MSBA has a list of architects and owner's project managers who work on accelerated repair projects. With the funding approved, the MSBA will pick an architect and an owner's project manager who will then work with the city to plan for the projects.

"This is really the seed money to get us to the next step with the MSBA process," he said.

The money for appropriation will come from an existing contractual line item within the city budget, which is paid for with revenue from the general fund. Any reimbursement from the MSBA goes back into

the general fund, Hines said.

Councillors approved the appropriation in 7-0 vote at the Jan. 30 meeting. Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy was absent that night.

While she voted in favor of the appropriation, Councillor Anne Mahoney said the administration could have used federal American Rescue Act Plan funds for the work at the school buildings, rather than the revenue from the general fund.

"This is just another example of where we could be saving the taxpayers money should we use ARPA funds for the right appropriations for these things," Mahoney said. "It certainly isn't something I'm going to say no because it's something for our school buildings, it's an appropriate use to be able to do that for this, and we're going to be getting reimbursed for it."

Blue Hills Winter Fest Feb. 28

The Friends of the Blue Hills will host the Winter Fest on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Blue Hills Ski Area, 4001 Washington St., Canton.

For those who are hoping to get some winter exercise, there will be a night hike and discounted downhill skiing. There will be plenty of indoor fun, too.

Adults and children alike can do a jig to the spirited Irish tunes of Songs for Ceilidh, sample tasty chili, make creative winter crafts, or just warm up in front of the fireplace in the cozy ski lodge.

Trillium Brewing will also be on hand selling select beers, and additional refreshments will be available at the snack bar.

Two popular Quincy restaurants are vying for first place in the event's chili cook-off. Both Fowler House Cafe and The Fours Restaurant & Sports Bar will enter chili that will be enjoyed by judges and event attendees.

Event sponsors include Public Lands, Orchard Cove



THE FOURS RESTAURANT & Sports Bar General Manager, Tim Colton, looks forward to entering the chili cook-off at the Friends of the Blue Hills' Winter Fest, Feb. 28, 5 - 8 p.m. at the Blue Hill Ski Area. Another Quincy restaurant, Fowler House Café, will also participate. For more information and to register for this free event, visit www.friendsofthebluehills.org/winterfest2023.

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and Morgan Stanley; the visit www.friendsofthebluehills.org/winterfest2023. McGowan Group.

To RSVP for the event,

Blood Drive Feb. 14 At Norfolk Sheriff's Public Safety Complex

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office will host a public blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 14th, in coordination with the Boston Children's Hospital.

The blood drive will be held at the Sheriff's Office's Public Safety Complex in Braintree. A second blood drive for NCSO employees will be held the following week.

"Donating blood is one of the most heroic things that people can do to help others in need, and it's an honor to be able to work with Boston Children's Hospital to host an event like this," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "Blood donations can literally make the difference between life and death for patients - especially children - who are facing life-threatening injuries and illnesses."

Blood donation appointments take less than an hour and can help as many as four patients who rely on donations from healthy volunteers. Blood donations directly benefit Boston Children's patients undergoing cancer treatment, cardiac surgery or transplant, and those with genetic blood disorders and who need regular blood transfusions.

The Braintree blood drive will take place on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Sheriff's Office's Public Safety Complex, 2015 Washington St. in Braintree. Appointments are required on the Boston Children's Bloodmobile. To schedule an appointment, visit www.bostonchildrens.org/halfpints or call 617-355-6677. The sponsor code for the event is NORSHERFB.

All blood donors must be 17-years-old or age 16 with parental consent and weigh 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate blood. The Boston Children's Hospital asks participants to eat a healthy meal and be well-hydrated prior to their appointment.

Boston Children's Hospital and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office are encouraging participants to show their support of the Boston Children's Bloodmobile on social media by using the hashtag #GivePintsForHalfPints.

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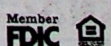
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Moments in time

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• On Feb. 25, 1570, Pope Pius V declared England's Queen Elizabeth I a heretic and excommunicated her from the Roman Catholic Church by way of a papal bull releasing Catholics from any loyalty to her and calling upon them to remove her from the throne.

• On Feb. 22, 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened the Great 5 Cents Store (later Woolworth's) in Utica, New York. Originally promising that nothing would cost more than a nickel, the chain expanded over the next 50 years to 1,000 stores, but retail market changes eventually forced the last U.S. shop to permanently close in 1997.

• On Feb. 21, 1933, Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, who made history by becoming the first woman governor of Texas, announced that Feb. 26 through March 4 would be officially known as "Texas Week." The state's Independence Day, March 2, falls in this period.

• On Feb. 26, 1951, American novelist James Jones published "From Here to Eternity," about the U.S. Army in Hawaii before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. It was later memorably adapted into an Academy Award-winning movie featuring such Hollywood luminaries as Deborah Kerr, Burt Lancaster, Donna Reed and Montgomery Clift.

• On Feb. 20, 1962, the NASA spaceship Friendship 7, named and piloted by Marine Lieutenant John Glenn, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, in the first complete orbit around Earth made by an American astronaut.

• On Feb. 23, 1997, the three-and-a-half hour Holocaust drama "Schindler's List" aired commercial-free on the NBC television network. Seen by 60 million people, it was the first film to display TV Guide's rating of TV-MA (unsuitable for children under 17), due to scenes of violence and brief nudity, which also sparked some political controversy.

• On Feb. 24, 2020, American film producer Harvey Weinstein's career came to a disgraceful end amid multiple allegations of sexual harassment and assault when he was convicted of rape and a criminal sex act. Many people, especially women, viewed the verdict as a victory for the burgeoning #MeToo movement, which sought to assist survivors of sexual assault. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



Many perennial wildflower seeds need a period of exposure to cold and moisture. If you get snow by December, you can begin to scatter these seeds atop blankets of snow up until February. The seeds will gradually work their way through the snow as the temperatures rise and fall and the ground thaws and freezes. If needed, cover the seeds lightly with clean straw to keep them moist, to hide them from birds and to keep them from blowing away in the wind. - Brenda Weaver

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Sports Betting Underway In MA

Sen. Keenan Concerned Advertising Will Target Young People

By SCOTT JACKSON

Just in time for this week-end's Super Bowl, Massachusetts residents can now legally gamble on sports without leaving the state.

In-person sports betting began Jan. 31 in the state's three casinos and mobile sports betting is expected to launch as soon as next month. Gambling is allowed on professional and collegiate sports, however, betting on games involving in-state colleges is not allowed unless that team is in a post-season tournament. Betting on the individual performances of college athletes is also prohibited.

People must be 21 or older to bet on sports in Massachusetts.

When asked about sports betting during a recent interview, Sen. John Keenan, a Quincy Democrat, said he is concerned about sportsbooks targeting young people with advertisements.

"My biggest concern is that young people in particular will be targeted and inundated with advertisements and sports gambling, sports betting, will be normalized and it will be normalized among young people, and they are at risk of becoming addicted to gambling because it's going to be so easy and so accessible," Keenan said.

"That's what our concern is in the office and we pushed for tighter advertising regulations on the sports betting industry during the legislative process. We were unsuccessful. We filed legislation to try and see if there is a different approach to limiting what they can do

from an advertising standpoint."

Other industries, like tobacco, have targeted young people, Keenan continued, and he expects sportsbooks will do the same.

"I have no doubt it's going to be similar to the tobacco industry, which for years targeted young people. The vaping industry, which we know has targeted young people - even though they said they didn't, it's been proven that they did. And cannabis, marijuana, is trying to normalize their product as well and make it as accessible as possible to people and they are advertising. There are some restrictions in place," Keenan said. "I think those restrictions for marijuana and cannabis should be tougher. We couldn't get those same restrictions on sports betting. We thought they were worthwhile on cannabis and made it into the law and we attempted at a minimum to match that...and it was unsuccessful."

"So the limitations on advertising in the sports betting industry are even less than what they are in the marijuana industry, and as you drive down the road and see billboards, you know the marijuana/cannabis industry is pretty aggressive with their advertising."

"Sports betting, even more so. You can't watch a game now without a half-time report saying what the odds are on this, the odds are on that."

"Think of being a young person now," he added. "You're sitting at your computer, you're at home, and

pop-up ads are on your computer and on your phone and you have the ability through your phone to order cannabis or to place a bet, to have vape products delivered to your front door. The temptations are really great, and the industries are targeting young people. They've done it historically and they're going to keep doing it."

At the end of the day, Keenan said he is not majorly concerned with adults who may gamble on sports, but is concerned about young people becoming addicted to it.

"I don't really care if somebody wants to bet on a sports event, wants to smoke marijuana on a Saturday night, wants to have a glass of wine on a Saturday night, Friday night, Wednesday night, whatever," he said. "My concern is in all of these cases - with cannabis, with sports betting, with tobacco use - has been protecting young people from addiction, because that's where it ends up."

"All the science shows, no matter what the product, if you start young, the likelihood of suffering addiction increases exponentially."

Massachusetts is one of more than 30 states to have legalized sports betting since 2018, when the Supreme Court struck down a federal law that limited which states were allowed to authorize gambling on sports. Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island are among the states to approve sports betting in the past five years.

Keenan did support the law to legalize sports betting in Massachusetts when

it came up for a vote last year. Keenan said he did so because the state's residents were already able to legally gamble on sports in neighboring states or could so by other means without leaving the state.

"My thought was if all the states around us are going to allow online sports betting or in-person sports betting, then we should do it. People will be betting from Massachusetts into these other states or offshore, which many people do anyway, so if all that money is going to other states, we might as well keep it here," Keenan said. "But I think we have an obligation to use a lot of tax revenue to make sure we regulate the industry."

Sports betting is expected to generate up to \$60 million in tax revenue for the state annually, according to previous estimates.

Moving forward, Keenan said he would not be in favor of lifting the restrictions on betting on college athletics contests involving in-state schools.

"I don't know if that bill has already been filed among the thousands that have been filed. I don't know, but I suspect that the industry will continue to file bills that will allow them to do more," he said. "I don't like the idea of betting on local college teams if you're at a local college and that's why I thought the compromise was pretty logical."

Keenan said he does not want student-athletes to be in a position where they would around fellow students who won or lost money because of their performance on the field.

Curious Friendship Of H.P. Lovecraft, Edward Cole Topic Feb. 16 At Historical Society

As part of its Pop-Culture History lecture series, Quincy Historical Society will host Quincy resident, pulp-fiction author, and comic book writer Will Murray on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.

Murray will discuss the relationship between H. P. Lovecraft and Quincy resident Edward H. Cole.

The program will be held at the Adams Academy building, 8 Adam St., Quincy.

One of the most influential - and infamous - horror writers of the 20th century was Howard Phillips Lovecraft. His works, typically falling under the subgenre of "cosmic horror," feature otherworldly monsters and play upon the themes of madness, occultism, fear of the unknown and unknow-

able. His stories, originally published in pulp magazines in the 1920s and '30s, have inspired writers, game developers, and filmmakers, such as Stephen King, Jordan Peele, and Guillermo Del Toro. Lovecraft was also notoriously reclusive and misanthropic - going so far as to describe himself as "very peculiar." However, he maintained close correspondence with a number of other writers and individuals, including Quincy resident Edward H. Cole.

Edward Cole was a teacher at the Chauncy Hall School in Boston, and a charter member of the Harvard Club in Quincy. However, it was his hobby of amateur journalism that put him in contact with Lovecraft. The friendship became

close enough that Lovecraft ventured to Quincy a number of times to visit, despite his deep dislike of leaving his hometown of Providence. Cole and his wife were also some of the very few to attend Lovecraft's funeral in 1937.

This program will discuss the unlikely friendship between these two men, and the excursions they took that may have had an influence on Lovecraft's fiction.

Will Murray, a North Quincy High graduate, is the author of scores of nov-

els and short stories, featuring such classic pulp fiction stalwarts as Doc Savage, King Kong, Tarzan, and the Phantom. For Marvel Comics, he is the co-creator, with Steve Ditko, of the fan-favorite Squirrel Girl. As a journalist and pop-culture historian, Murray is a recognized authority on the pulp magazine era. He has reported for Starlog magazine and in this capacity covered the sets of many major action movies from the 1980s through the early 2000s.

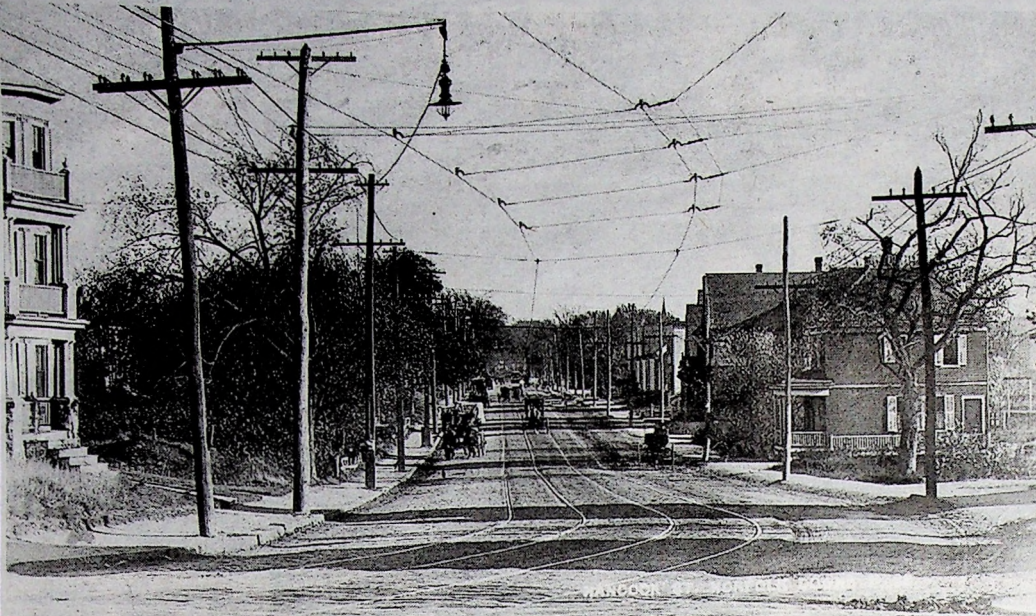
This event is open to all and free to attend.

Molly Cronin On URI Dean's List

Molly Cronin of Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall se-

mester at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, R.I.

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1909 real photo postcard view of Hancock Street in Norfolk Downs looking south from its intersection with Billings Road. The triple-decker on the left is extant and is now condominiums. The houses on the right were bought and torn down by the Boston Gear Works whose extensive factory operations dominated this area for many years. The company later built an office building on the site of the houses between Hayward and Burgess Streets. That office building and several other adjacent buildings are now the Granite Loft Con-

dominiums. After 100 years here, beginning in 1906, Boston Gear relocated to Charlotte, N.C. In 1948, busses replaced the electric trolleys that ran with the overhead wires and the tracks down the middle of the street. When it was first built this portion of Hancock Street was known as the Neponset Turnpike and charged tolls. Except for the slight curve in the foreground, it ran pretty much in a straight line from Quincy Square to the Neponset River where a bridge was built.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

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Ask Mayor To Support Creating Dept. Of Social Justice

(Editor's note: A copy of the following letter was submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication.)

February 2, 2023

Dear Mayor Koch;

As mayor of a city of amazing ethnic diversity, you have used your powerful position to reject the will of your citizens, who, in January 2021, through the City Council, requested that the City of Quincy develop a Department of Social Justice and Equity. It is now two years and multiple shameful racial incidents later, and you show apparent disregard, if not disdain for the need for such an important program.

You stated in a recent QATV interview with Joe Catalano, that there have been few if any applicants for a community liaison position, which you requested in your budget, and which was unanimously approved by City Council January, 2022. You established a 9-person Equity and Inclusion Commission which apparently recommended the position, but you seem to take no interest in pursuing it. When was this position posted, as people have not seen it listed on

the City's Human Resource Website. Will further efforts be made?

What are we, as residents of Quincy and deeply interested in the well-being and safety of all who make their home here, to make of your puzzling resistance to creating a Department of Social Justice and Equity within our city government?

On Monday, January 30, 2023, Councillors Mahoney and Liang submitted a Resolve that the Administration will provide an update to the City Council on the status of the Community Liaison position and inform us of the Equity and Inclusion Commission's recommendations.

We have seen the results when you put the full force of your interest and enthusiasm behind a project, and sincerely hope that you will give this important matter the respect and energy it deserves.

Please support this important step forward for Quincy.

Sincerely,

Mimi Balsamo, Claire Fitzmaurice, Coordinators
StandOutQuincy4BlackLives

Quincy Teachers And The Heart Of The City

(Editor's note: A copy of the following letter was submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication.)

Dear Mayor Koch

The heart of the city is in all of us – that was your message in the state of the city. The job of government is to empower the lives of the people. That's how government is supposed to work. You recognize the EXTRAORDINARY challenges our educational system has faced in the last three years. And, you're incredibly proud of how Quincy Public Schools has handled that challenge.

Recognition was given to those who use their time and talent to make Quincy a better place and make Quincy Public Schools the best. You go so far as to say: "Our success will be determined by classroom results." Plans for the fu-

ture will be discussed at a later date. Those plans appear to include denying those "extraordinary, talented" teachers the contract they seek.

How will the contract the teachers request impact the city budget?

Will it make more impact than other plans you prefer to tell us about later?

How will it be measured in the November election?

Are the acquisition and building plans of the future months more important than maintaining that incredibly excellent staff?

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Campbell
Cranch Street
Quincy

Emma McGillicuddy On Sacred Heart U. Dean's List

Emma Lynne McGillicuddy of Quincy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT.

McGillicuddy is a member of the Class of 2023 and majoring in healthcare administration. She graduated from Quincy High School in 2019.

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1990
33 Years Ago

6% Cuts For All City Departments

Anticipating City Council approval of a sewer user-fee and a "reasonable" reduction in local aid, Mayor James Sheets said all city departments would be reduced by six percent to balance the FY1991 budget.

"If we get the fee, the budget cuts will be six percent below this year's budget level," Sheets said.

The fee most likely will pass at the Feb. 20 meeting of the City Council. A majority of the councillors have indicated support for the fee, which will generate \$9.5 million next fiscal year, which begins July 1. With the fee, the city will raise \$121 million in FY1991 however the city faces a \$15 million shortfall in FY1992.

RECYCLING FOR GLASS, MAYBE LEAVES

The city's recycling program will be extended to include a drop-off center for glass in the spring and possibly leaf composting in the fall, city officials announced.

The announcement was made by Mayor James Sheets, Ward 3 Councillor Lawrence Chretien, Ward 1 Councillor Peter Kolson and DPW Commissioner David Colton.

Chretien is chairman of the city's Recycling Committee while Kolson is chairman of the City Council's Public Works Committee.

Sheets said he will "work closely with the Recycling Committee to make these programs a priority of my administration's first year in office."

QUINCYISMS

Dependable Cleaners, with three locations in Quincy, was offering: "A One Day Only Special, Monday, Feb. 19, Coats Cleaned and Pressed, \$2.88, No Limit"... The Quincy Building Department issued 109 permits for an estimated \$8,075,731 in construction for January 1990... The Hibernia Savings Bank, 731 Hancock St., Wollaston, was offering: "Three Year Adjustable Rate Mortgages for 25 Years at a Rate of 10.652%"... **Grace Giunchiglia**, secretary to **Mayor Amelio Della Chiesa** in the 1960s, has returned to City Hall where she is now secretary to **Mayor James Sheets**... **Theresa Gacicia**, secretary to the Quincy License Board, retired after 17 years in the position... **Former Mayor Frank McCauley** was teaching a course in government at Quincy Junior College... **Caroline Collins**, daughter of **School Committeewoman** and **Norfolk Commissioner Mary Collins** and her husband, **Tom Collins**, has purchased the Richards' Advertising Company on Teane Street in Dorchester... South Shore Evening Medical Care announced their new location would be at 500 Congress Street, 3-C, Crown Colony Office Park... **Marilyn Reisberg**, a Quincy artist, was serving as a member of the Committee for Art Boston 1990... **John "Jake" Comer**, Past National Commander of the American Legion, was scheduled to be the guest speaker at the Feb. 22 meeting of the Quincy Historical Society... **Dorothy Nickerson**, 80 Clay St., Wollaston, Tobin Towers, celebrated her 90th birthday at a gathering of friends and relatives. Asked about the secret of her longevity, she said, "I always figured the Devil didn't have a shovel big enough"... **Karen A. Flaherty** and **Keri Anne McDonough**, both of Quincy, were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Newman Preparatory School... **Robert P. Chiminello**, of Wollaston, a tax and financial advisor, was offering: "Complete Accounting and Tax Services, Both Personal and Business"... A brunch, sponsored by the Quincy Sons of Italy Lodge, raised over \$3,000 for Cerebral Palsy. **John DeCarli**, Lodge Chairman of the Board of Trust and **Dennis Tardo**, Special Events Chairman, were in charge of planning the event... The Quincy Jewish War Veterans honored three high school students from Quincy. They included: **Brian Glennon**, North Quincy High School; **Arlene Amo**, Quincy High School, and **Craig Galligan**, Quincy Vocational-Technical School. In charge of arrangements were **Post Commander Bertrand Shaffer** and **Harvey Solomon**... The Bank of New England, Quincy Branch, was offering: "8.50% Simple Interest on Six Month Certificates of Deposit"... Boy Scout Troop 51 of the Wollaston Congregational Church scheduled a Pancake Breakfast, March 4, at the church. Ticket prices were \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for children under 12... **Dr. Sheldon Bennett**, minister of the United First Parish Church, Quincy Center, delivered the Sunday sermon entitled: "Attitudes for a Better World."

Climate Change Has Weakened Polar Jet Stream

I have lived in Massachusetts to know that generally the first week of February is the coldest time of winter. Climate change has weakened the polar jet stream. As climate change progresses, it may be that Arctic blasts may become more frequent and prolonged.

Peter Gleba
Quincy

WOLLASTON BRANCH OF THOMAS CRANE PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM J. DELMONTE

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2023



CITY OFFICIALS, library staff and local residents celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Thomas Crane Public Library's Wollaston Branch Jan. 27. These photos were taken by William J. DelMonte and include an anniversary cake, the exterior of the library, and guests attending the centennial celebration.

Photos by William J. DelMonte

WHAT'S COOKING

with
Marie & Suzie

By MARIE D'OLIMPIO and SUZIE FALCO



Escarole With Potatoes

By MARIE

One of my mother's favorite vegetables to cook was escarole sautéed with potatoes. We had a large vegetable garden when we were kids, so there was always an abundance of fresh escarole.

This dish is a wonderful side dish and goes with just about anything. To save time, when I made it recently, I boiled the escarole in the morning.

Recipe:

- 1 large head of escarole - washed and cut pieces in half
- 4 medium potatoes, cut in half or whole
- 3 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

First, boil the escarole in water until tender (takes about 15 minutes) and set aside to cool.

Boil the potatoes and set aside.

When cooled, cut escarole in small pieces.

Mash the potatoes roughly.

Then in a skillet in hot oil sauté the garlic, add the escarole, salt and pepper and then the potatoes, cooking and mixing until well blended.

I like to brown everything a bit on the bottom for a crispy and more delicious taste.

Left overs can be enjoyed reheated or room temperature like a potato salad.

Healthy Peanut Butter Cookies

By SUSIE

Here is a recipe for a healthy take on peanut butter cookies.

Usually loaded with sugar, these use maple syrup as a sweetener and contain healthy fats to help us feel satisfied and assists the body with processing the carbohydrates.

These cookies also do not contain traditional flour and uses almond flour instead for even more health benefits. (Almond flour is simply almonds that are ground into a fine "flour." Almond meal is a heavier and more oily product not suitable for most baking unless specified.)

Healthy Peanut Butter Cookies

- ½ cup crunchy peanut butter (no sugar added) I like TEDDY brand ORGANIC

- ¼ cup kerrygold butter, softened
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ¾ cup almond flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix first three ingredients in bowl until they come together. Add remaining ingredients. Beat until smooth.

Using a 1-inch cookie or ice cream scoop, scoop dollops of the mixture onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.

Press down each dough ball with a fork, just enough to slightly flatten.

Bake for around 10 minutes.

You can add some chocolate chips to the recipe or put some on top while hot and they will melt right on like a frosting as well.

Creamed Peas

By MARIE

- 1 package of frozen peas (or an 8 ounce can)
- 2 cups of milk
- 2 tablespoons of flour
- 2 tablespoons butter

Melt butter in sauce pan, stir in flour and form roux.

Slowly add milk, blending until smooth, cook until thickened and fold in peas and cook until peas are tender.

Council On Aging Trips

Quincy Council on Aging announces sign-ups are underway for two trips.

Visit the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum St., North Quincy, to sign up.

MacTougas Brothers Band & Bobby O'Justin's "Irish Celebration!" Danversport Yacht Club, Wednesday, March 15th - \$111 per person.

Travel to Danversport for a fun day of delicious food, great music and a bit of Shenanigans as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day - the day everyone gets to be Irish! Enjoy a traditional Irish lunch with corned beef and cabbage or boneless chicken breast with homemade stuffing, potatoes, vegetable with dessert, coffee, or tea.

The MacTougas Brothers Band are a group of talented lads who have been entertaining people all over New England! They will have

you up dancing, jiggling, and singing!

Bobby O' Justin is an Irish Crooner who will have you tearing up to the likes of "Oh Danny Boy" and other Irish Classics. Price includes transportation, lunch, dining room taxes and gratuities, driver's gratuity and the show.

Price is \$111 per person. Checks only payable to Royal Tours. Payment is due at time of registration and must be a Kennedy Center to attend. Travel waiver must be signed and completed. Pickup and drop-off at Pageant Field.

Mohegan Sun - Wednesday, April 26th. We will travel first to Point Judith for a luscious lobster luncheon at George's of Galilee - overlooking the Block Island Sound in the picturesque fishing port of Galilee.

Next, we head to Mohegan Sun - a vast 34 story casino, hotel and entertainment complex which features Native American style décor. Become immersed in bells and whistles of more than 5,000 slot machines. There are over 300 table games, including favorites like blackjack, roulette, baccarat, craps, and poker.

Menu choice is 1 1/4 lb. whole boiled lobster or 14 oz. char-grilled rib eye with Rhode Island clam chowder (clear broth chowder), clam cakes, tossed garden salad, herbed roasted potatoes, native sweet corn, dessert, coffee, tea, soda or lemonade.

Price is \$114 per person includes tax and gratuities. Checks only payable to Landmark Tours. 9:45 a.m. Pageant Field departure with approximate 7:45 p.m. return. Must be Kennedy Center member to attend.

North Quincy High School Class of 1973 50th Reunion

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Movie Review: 'Pathaan'

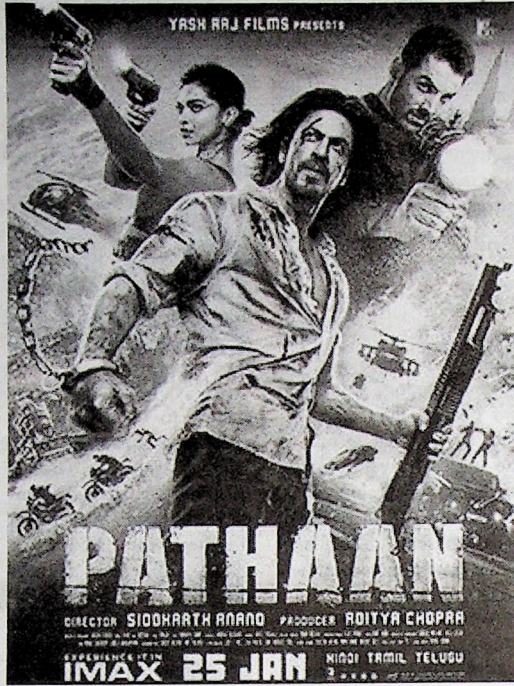
By BOB GARVER

Without a lot of new mainstream releases stepping up to the plate the weekend of Jan. 21-22, there was room for a surprise hit. Enter "Pathaan," an action movie from India that racked up nearly \$6 million at the domestic box office despite playing on fewer than 700 screens.

My guess is that many theater owners are going to look at the film's over-\$8,000-per-screen average and decide that they want a piece of that action. So even if "Pathaan" isn't playing in your market already, it may be coming soon.

Shah Rukh Khan stars as Pathaan, one of the greatest secret agents in all of India. He has recently resurfaced after being missing for two years. The first half of the film is largely devoted to what happened before he went missing, and frankly the flashback goes on so long that it's easy to forget that it's even a flashback. Two years ago, Pathaan was on a mission to stop a terrorist named Jim (John Abraham), himself given flashbacks to explain his motivation. While on the mission, Pathaan met up with Rubai (Deepika Padukone), an agent from a rival agency that also saw the threat that Jim presented. A few flip-flops later, and Pathaan found himself in a Russian prison and disavowed by India. Fortunately, he had a brother named Tiger (Salman Khan) from another arm of the apparently-very-popular YRF Spy Universe to help bust him out and disappear for two years.

Now Rubai has been conspicuously seen on a security camera in Paris. If she's back, then so is Pathaan. The joint resurfacing means that Jim's three-year (yes, three-year) plan is close to fruition, and the whole world is in danger, especially India. Fortunately, they've got an agent the caliber of Pathaan on the case, but is he back



at full capacity? A shootout, chase, and daring helicopter escape in the hideout of a weapons dealer indicates that yes, he is.

The story of "Pathaan" is nothing special, the sort of thing you'd see in a typical James Bond or "Mission: Impossible" movie (critics have pointed out that the virus-heavy plot strongly resembles the second film in the latter franchise). But the headline here isn't the just-okay spy movie that the movie is on paper, it's the blockbuster you'll get if you see the movie in theaters. So much of this movie is a feast for the eyes and ears.

For the eyes, you've got the aforementioned hideout sequence, an abduction sequence involving trucks and helicopters, a heist sequence with a precarious helicopter-assisted landing, an ill-fated train transfer, and plenty of other inventive goodies. And that's nothing compared to what your ears will get. This movie loves its gunshots and explosions, and the music is exciting and catchy.

When I say "the music," I don't just mean the score (though the score is most definitely included), I'm

talking about two intoxicating musical numbers, one right in the middle of the film. Let's see Tom Cruise try that. He might, he was in "Rock of Ages," but I seriously doubt that even he's fearless enough to interrupt an action movie like that. As for the one at the end, when was the last time you saw James Bond save the world then sing his own theme song to celebrate?

"Pathaan" is sure to lead to an increased presence of Indian action movies on the global stage, especially from this YRF Spy Universe. I'm looking forward to seeing more of them, as apparently they're hard at work thinking up ways to top the craziness of this movie. The scripts could stand to be tighter, but otherwise they should keep up the good work. Don't be thrown by the subtitles and cultural differences, the action and beauty of "Pathaan" make for a party in any language.

Grade: B

"Pathaan" is not rated by the MPAA, but it would be approximately a PG-13 (bordering on R at times) for violence. Its running time is 146 minutes.

'Coffee With The Sheriff'

Thursday At Early American

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott will host a "Coffee with the Sheriff" diner visit at the Early American, 1054 Hancock St., Quincy on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

McDermott will visit with residents, talk about their ideas, and answer questions about public safety and the work of the Sheriff's Office.

"One of the best ways for

me to understand the public safety needs of Norfolk County is to be able to sit down with residents in their home communities," McDermott said. "These diner tours are an opportunity to talk with people about their ideas and answer their questions while also highlighting some of the great local businesses in our county."

The "Coffee with the Sheriff" visits are designed to give residents and com-

munity members a chance to meet with Sheriff McDermott in their hometowns and discuss issues important to them. Visits are scheduled at local diners and coffee shops around Norfolk County.

A full schedule of locations, dates, and times can be found on the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office website at www.Norfolk-Sheriff.com/coffee.

Garden Longer With Less Muscle Strain And Fatigue

By MELINDA MYERS

Keep gardening longer with less muscle strain and fatigue with these pain-free gardening techniques. You'll not only keep your garden looking its best but also make it a more enjoyable experience.

Keep tools handy to reduce the number of trips from the garden back to your garage or shed. A garden tool bag or bucket with a wrap-around tool organizer works well for small hand tools. Purchase a mobile garden tool caddy or convert a discarded wheeled golf bag, shopping cart, or wheeled trash bin into a tool caddy for long-handled tools. These make it easier to keep them handy as you move from garden to garden.

Store small tools right in the garden. Install an old mailbox in your garden filled with your favorite small hand tools and gloves. Then add a little paint or cover it with a mailbox planter or vine to make it an attractive and functional part of your landscape.

Keep tools clean and sharp. Regular maintenance will extend their life and improve their efficiency. It can also help reduce the risk of spreading disease.

Invest in ergonomic tools when replacement or new tools are needed. They have larger and softer handles for easier, less stressful gripping. Many are designed for the proper positioning of your body to reduce joint stress and fatigue. Longer handles extend your reach and help you retain good posture. Consider purchasing ratchet-type pruners designed to give you more cutting power with less effort.

Use wagons, carts, or old snow saucer-type sleds for moving heavy items to the garden. You'll need to make fewer trips, reduce muscle strain, and save energy when moving mulch, potted plants, and other items.

Divide heavy loads into smaller increments. You may need to make more trips, but it will be easier on your back and knees.

When shoveling, be sure to stand upright and take small scoops. Remember to pivot your body rather than twisting when emptying the



KNEELERS WITH built-in handles make moving up and down easier, protect joints and allow you to garden longer.

Photo Courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

load. Switch sides and take frequent breaks to reduce the risk of muscle strain, and fatigue.

Protect your knees with kneelers or wrap-around kneepads. No matter your age or physical ability you will benefit now and in the future by protecting your joints when gardening. These gardening accessories also reduce the pain and pressure on your joints. Kneelers with built-in handles make moving up and down easier, allowing you to garden longer.

Include a pair of safety glasses in your tool caddy. It is too easy to end up with a stick in the eye when pruning and working around trees and shrubs.

Take time to warm up before digging in. Gentle backbends and lunges are great ways to engage your muscles. Adjust your gardening activities to the weather. If it's cold, try waiting for the weather to warm. If you are stiff in the morning, try gardening a bit later in the day.

Garden for shorter periods and try to take breaks every 15 to 20 minutes. Consider adding a few benches to the landscape to encourage you to sit, relax

and enjoy your handiwork.

Wear gloves to protect your hands from cuts and bruises. Gloves also keep your hands warm and provide support as you dig, pluck and prune. Find a good-looking comfortable pair that you are likely to wear.

Protect your eyes and skin from sun damage. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. You'll avoid sunburns and protect your skin from long-term damage. Keep yourself hydrated by drinking plenty of water as you garden.

Including these strategies in your gardening efforts can make gardening even more beneficial and enjoyable.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Cain Seeking Re-Election As Ward 3 City Councillor

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain announces he will seek re-election this fall. Cain has served as Ward 3 councillor since 2016.

In a campaign release, Cain said:

"It continues to be a privilege and an honor to serve my neighbors, family, and friends to the Quincy City Council, which is why I'm so happy to declare my candidacy for re-election to serve as the Ward 3 city councillor for two more years. I am truly grateful for your support in my past, current and future efforts, and I vow to continue to represent your interests to the City Council as I have done since 2016."

Cain, a Quincy native, said that he is excited to continue his work on the Quincy City Council advocating fiscal prioritization and responsibility, advancing economic development, industry, and private sector job creation, and completing development of a city-wide municipal broadband network.

"I hope residents of the city realize that I'm not about loud or empty words and filling the room with hot air," Cain said. "I care deeply about making this city better than it is today for all who live and work in and visit Quincy. My focus will continue to be on issues that matter to my constituents and residents. Over the last term, I've had successes in advocating for necessary infrastructure, street, and sidewalk improvements for a large portion of Ward 3 and have continued working towards providing residents



IAN CAIN

with high quality and low-cost internet options."

Cain – in collaboration with Mayor Thomas Koch and EntryPoint Networks – has been leading the development of a citywide fiber optic network in Quincy since 2018 in response to residents' demands for internet options outside of the current monopolistic provider. Over 12,000 residents responded to a survey offered by mail and online in 2019 about their internet use, how much they currently pay and if they would support a citywide network. The results indicated over 80 percent would participate in municipal broadband and that, on average, residents pay \$93 per month for internet. The goal for Quincy's broadband network – over and above providing connectivity to all residents, eliminating the digital divide, and allowing for greater participation in the innovation economy – is to increase competition, to drive down price, and to increase service quality.

The city is currently performing engineering and

design work for a first phase pilot project, which is anticipated to be launched in 2023. For more information on Quincy's broadband development efforts, visit www.quincysfiber.com.

A product of the Quincy Public Schools, Cain attended Wollaston Elementary and Central Middle Schools before graduating from BC High School. He also graduated from Boston College and earned an MBA from Duke University.

Cain, 40, is president of The Highpoint Group, providing strategic advisory and capital expertise to the public, private and nonprofit sectors and is executive chairman of QUBIC Labs, a startup incubator and innovation hub, both based in Quincy.

In addition, Cain is actively engaged in the community. He is a co-founder of PorchFest Quincy, which has hosted its annual city-wide music festival since 2016; he is also a board member of Bay State Community Services, a social services organization based in Quincy.

Cain has successfully run for and won four elections: the first in 2015, and again in 2017, 2019 and in 2021. Election Day is on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Team Cain will be hosting a re-election campaign kickoff on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. at Alba Restaurant in Quincy Center. All are welcomed. Cain can be contacted by phone at (617) 657-4204 or by e-mail at cainforquincy@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.iancain.org.

Magellan Jets Launches Aircraft Sales, Management Division, Opens Private Terminal At Hanscom Field

After years of development and in direct response to customers' growing needs, Quincy-based Magellan Jets is launching a new Aircraft Sales & Management division dedicated to assisting prospective and current aircraft owners with the purchase, management, and optimization of their assets.

To kick-start these initiatives and further elevate guests' experience with in-person support, Magellan has opened their first private jet terminal at one of the busiest private airports in the nation, Laurence G. Hanscom Field in Bedford, Massachusetts—Magellan's home-base airport and their largest market.

When combined with Magellan's existing platform, these new initiatives complete the aircraft owner's entire aviation portfolio—making aircraft acquisition, management services, guaranteed charter revenue, supplemental lift, and on-premises airport facilities all conveniently available under one provider. By adding these services, Magellan aims to bring owners the higher level of convenience, dependability, transparency, and expert guidance they've been asking for—all with the industry-leading commitment to service & safety and personalized touch Magellan is renowned for.

"Through our suite of On-Demand Charter, Membership, and Jet Card ownership options, we've always tailored our offerings to meet the full range of our clients' private aviation needs," said Magellan Jets CEO and founder Joshua Hebert. "For those customers whose needs have evolved to require more usage, control, and consistency, we're pleased to continue to add value to their portfolio with our Aircraft Sales & Management services—and we're thrilled to open our first private terminal right in our back yard in Bedford, where we'll be able to showcase the Magellan Jets difference on the ground as well as in the air."

Magellan's founders are



JOSHUA HEBERT

excited to open their first private terminal in a location servicing the Greater Boston community that has meant so much to them. At the terminal, Magellan's guests will enjoy a space that is all their own—a facility unique to Hanscom Field in its ability to cater specifically to the needs of private travelers and make them feel completely at home. Customers will pull into designated VIP parking and be met by staff members who know them by name. A private lounge awaits, where they can relax and enjoy top-shelf spirits & refreshments before or after flights. They'll have exclusive access to a state-of-the-art executive conference room complete with WiFi and telecommunications systems should the need to do business arise. The facility will also serve as a base for Magellan's Aircraft Sales & Management Division, hosting potential aircraft owners and showcasing jets.

Magellan will work with customers on the acquisition of aircraft, as well as provide full-service management in conjunction with a select number of top-tier Magellan Jets Preferred Network (MJPN) partners that will provide infrastructure, support, and resources for Part 91/135 certificate management. In keeping with its core values, the company will continue to support aircraft owners beyond the point of sale with services that will help them optimize their asset, improve their bottom line, and elevate their entire aviation experience.



ANTHONY TIVNAN

"As a trusted partner sitting on the same side of the table as the customer, Magellan will guide prospective owners through the complex purchasing process, then work with them—or with those who already own aircraft—to craft a personalized management plan," said Magellan Jets President and founder Anthony Tivnan. "Because of our existing platform of charter and program solutions, we can guarantee aircraft owners charter revenue income to help offset their ownership cost. Owners will also have access to Magellan's full product portfolio for any supplemental flight needs, providing them with a limitless number of resources at their disposal."

Those who manage their aircraft through Magellan will be able to view the complete financial performance of their jet, with real-time visibility of charter scheduling & revenue as well as transparent access to the full breakdown of any maintenance events, crew expenses, or other costs associated with operation and ownership. Owners will also enjoy access to Magellan's global network of jets of all types and sizes should their mission call for different aircraft or should they require supplemental lift throughout the course of their ownership.

To learn more about Magellan's Sales & Management Division, visit magellanjets.com/aircraft-sales-and-management.

For all inquiries about Magellan's Sales & Management Division please email: aircraft-management@magellanjets.com.

Break Rock Brewing's Vilija Bizinkauskas Elected Chapter President Of The Master Brewers Association Of The Americas

Veteran New England Brewer Vilija Bizinkauskas has been elected by her peers to serve as president of the New England Chapter of the Master Brewers Association of The Americas. Bizinkauskas is only the second woman to hold this position.

The Master Brewers Association of The Americas is a nonprofit (501 C3) professional, scientific organization dedicated to advancing, supporting, and encouraging scientific research into brewing malt beverages and related industries and to make that research available to the public through conferences, discussion groups,



VILIJIA BIZINKAUSKAS

journals, publications and seminars.

The Brockton native is the co-owner and Head Brewer of Break Rock Brewing, located in Marina Bay, Quincy. As President of the MBAA New Eng-

land Chapter, she will help advance the New England brewing community through the sharing of knowledge and best practices among brewers and industry professionals.

"I am honored to have been selected by my peers in the New England chapter to serve as president," Bizinkauskas said. "I am particularly excited about raising awareness within the New England brewing community about the tremendous value that comes along with being a member of the MBAA."

"Our members possess a depth of talent, information, and experience. Any brewer – new to the industry or a veteran – can benefit from being a part of the MBAA and tapping into its wealth of resources."

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty – Will Social Security Be There For Me?

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am 56 and hope to hold out to get maximum Social Security at age 70. However, with all of the talk of Social Security funds being depleted, is it wise to continue with this mindset? Will there even BE Social Security benefits for folks in my age bracket? Should I think about starting Social Security benefits as soon as I am eligible? I am employed; however, I don't have a large amount of savings. I contribute to my company's 401(k) and receive the match, and I own my own home (almost paid off) with an estimated \$250,000.00 in equity, but I won't be able to stay in the home long term. Any insight you can provide would be greatly appreciated. **Signed: Weary Worker**

Dear Weary Worker: I don't suggest changing your strategy due to fears of Social Security not being there – it will be. Although the program is facing some future financial issues, the very worst that could happen is that everyone's benefits might be cut by 20+% if Congress fails to act to restore the program to solvency before the Trust Funds are depleted in the early to mid-2030s. In my opinion, Congress will not likely fail to act because to do so would be political suicide. The fact is, they already know how to fix Social Security's financial issues; they just lack the bipartisan spirit and political fortitude to do so until they extract every possible ounce of political capital from the issue. So, it's largely a matter of how long Congress will wait to reform the program.

Right now, the Social Security Trust Funds hold about \$2.8 trillion in reserves to ensure full benefits will be paid. But Social Security now pays out more in benefits than it receives in revenue, so the extra money needed to pay full benefits is taken from those reserves. What is needed is reform which addresses the reality that people today are living much longer and collecting benefits for much longer than the program is structured to accommodate. Many possible solutions are on the table in Congress, including raising the full retirement age a bit to deal with the reality of people living much longer, and increasing the program's tax revenue by withholding a bit more from American workers. The eventual reform will likely include some variation of both, as well as other "tweaks" which further guarantee the program will be there for future generations.

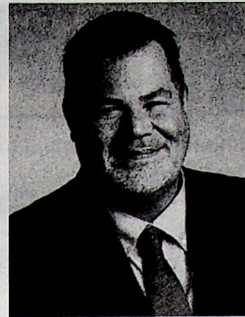
As for the thought of claiming your benefits as soon as you are eligible (age 62), be aware that Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects benefits before reaching full retirement age (FRA). If you are working full time when you first become age-eligible, you likely wouldn't be able to collect benefits because your benefit amount would be insufficient to pay the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit (\$1 for every \$2 over the limit) within one year. And, as you may already know, your age 62 benefit would be cut by about 30% from your FRA amount, while your benefit at age 70 would be about 76% more than your age 62 benefit.

So even if the worst case scenario happens (which it almost certainly won't), an across the board cut of 20+% to your age 70 benefit would yield a higher monthly payment than that same cut to your age 62 benefit amount. So, I suggest you stick with your current strategy to continue working and wait as long as practical to claim your benefits (up to age 70). As an aside, AMAC (Association of Mature American Citizens) has, for years, been proposing (to Congress) its "Social Security Guarantee Plus" which would restore Social Security to solvency for generations to come and would not require an increased payroll tax rate. Congressional reaction has been generally positive, leading us to be hopeful for a reasonable solution to the problem.

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Eric Cappellano Promoted At Bank Of Canton



ERIC CAPPELLANO

Bank of Canton's Eric Cappellano was recently promoted to vice president/retail banking administrator, expanding his scope of responsibility to include the performance and development of the bank's overall retail banking operation and call center.

Cappellano joined the Bank of Canton last year as the bank's floating branch manager/officer, supporting branches in Canton, Quincy and Randolph on short- and long-term assignments.

"As a Randolph resident, I was already familiar with Bank of Canton through its presence and involvement in the town," Cappellano said. "So when the floating branch manager opportunity presented itself, where

I could utilize a variety of skills and experiences to serve those in my very own community, I was extremely enthusiastic.

"It's been great. I've enjoyed working with our different branch teams and building customer relationships across our footprint,

and I'm excited about this new opportunity to serve the bank and its customers in a greater capacity."

In his new role, Cappellano works out of the bank's 557 Washington St. branch in Canton, where he is responsible for managing day-to-day operations, developing staff, achieving performance goals, and providing the highest levels of customer service. Among other duties, his new responsibilities include the development, testing and delivery of new products, the development and implementation of bank-wide service standards, and providing input on corporate business plans and budgets. He now reports directly to Executive Vice President Michael Lindberg.

"Eric is a very versatile talent," Lindberg said. "He's done an exceptional job with staff development, customer service, and community engagement as floating branch manager, and I'm extremely confident in his ability to make a positive impact at the next level as vice president."

Before joining Bank of Canton, Cappellano was the cash logistics supervisor at Brinks. Throughout his career, which spans more than 20 years at local community banks and credit unions, he has also served as call center manager, assistant branch manager and branch manager. He lives in Randolph with his wife, Beata, and two children, Anthony and Veronika.

Two-Alarm Fire Displaces Nine Residents

By SCOTT JACKSON

A two-alarm fire inside a multi-family residence on Buckley Street in West Quincy displaced nine residents.

Firefighters were called to the home at 25 Buckley

St. around 1:15 a.m. on Jan. 25, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Barron Jr. said. The fire began in a first floor apartment and spread to the second floor of the house.

One resident of the house was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, Barron said. A firefighter sustained minor injuries and remained on scene.

Crews were able to bring the fire under control within about an hour and a half and

were on scene were for two and a half hours that morning, Barron said.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation as of Feb. 1, Barron said, but it is not considered suspicious.

Four Quincy Students On Quinnipiac Dean's List

Four students from Quincy are on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT.

They are:

Alexandra Abrahamovich, Matthew Dolbec, David Maher and Ryan Quirk.

Two Quincy Students On UNE Dean's List

Two students from Quincy have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of

New England (Biddeford and Portland, ME).

They are:

Juliana Tracey and Regina Wu.

Four Quincy Students On Regis Dean's List

Four students from Quincy are on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Regis College in Weston.

They are:

Flora Chen, Alexandra Gagne, Annabelle Le and Stephanya Mendes.

North Quincy High School Class Of 1973 Reunion Nov. 25

North Quincy High School Class of 1973 will hold its 50th class reunion Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Turrell Room, 254 Quarry St., Quincy.

The reunion will include dinner and dancing.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact Jo-Ann Bragg at siesta313@hotmail.com to confirm your reservation.

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Paul & Margaret Greene
Walcott Corporation
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Twenty-Four Holdings LLC
Hamid Varmahmoodi

BUYER

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Lenin R. & Patricia X. Ponce
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Tremont Quincy 2 LLC
Peter DeCarlo
President CB Realty LLC
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10 Weston Avenue Unit 436
1147 Hancock Street Unit 214
68 Piermont Street
16 Schooner Lane Unit 21
47 Elliot Avenue
1469-1489 Hancock Street
156 Suomi Road
789 Quincy Shore Drive
25 Peterson Road

January Report: Decrease Continues In Overall Real Estate Activity

Norfolk County Registrar of Deeds William P. O'Donnell reports that Norfolk County recordings for the month of January 2023 indicate a continued decrease in overall real estate activity, with significant drops in mortgage activity and the average property sale price as compared to the January 2022 numbers.

In January, there were 7,461 documents recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, a 36 percent decrease from January 2022 and a notable decrease of 21 percent from December 2022.

"The real estate market is still feeling the effects of inflation, even as it eases slightly," O'Donnell said. "High food and energy costs are limiting how much money customers can save. The number of recorded deeds, which is one measure of document volume, shows a drop in real estate sales from the previous year."

The number of deeds for January 2023, which reflect

real estate sales and transfers, both commercial and residential, was 1,034, a decrease of 24 percent from January 2022 and a decrease of 19 percent from the previous month of December 2022.

Sale prices for January appear to have dropped significantly compared to January 2022. The average sale price in January was \$850,396, a 41 percent decrease from January 2022 and a 9 percent decrease from December 2022. The total dollar volume of commercial and residential sales is down, decreasing 62 percent from one year ago and decreasing 38 percent from last month.

"Consumers appear to have not adjusted to the spike in interest rates and are less inclined to borrow at higher rates," O'Donnell said. "Consumers may be hoping for lower interest rates even as the average sales price falls."

Overall lending activity showed a continued down-

ward trend for the month of January. A total of 1,001 mortgages were recorded this month, 57 percent less than a year ago at the same time, and down 2 percent from last month.

"According to the data, we are recording significantly fewer mortgages, which could be the result of several factors that the country is currently experiencing, including the increasing cost of living and spike in interest rates," noted O'Donnell. "These aspects of the economy can have an effect on the local real estate market."

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has been closely monitoring the foreclosure market. In January 2023, there were 9 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Nor-

folk County, whereas in January 2022, there were only 7 recorded. Additionally, in January 2023, there were 30 notices to foreclose, the first step in the foreclosure process, significantly more than the 18 recorded in January 2022.

"The substantial increase in the number of these notices is troubling. It suggests that more of our neighbors may have financial difficulties in the future," said O'Donnell. "We will continue to monitor these figures."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mort-

gage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

"If you are having difficulty paying your monthly mortgage, please consider contacting one of these non-profit agencies for help and guidance," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell concluded: "Property sales prices appear to be declining as a result of consumers' unwillingness to purchase property with mortgage rates above 7 percent. With consumers paying a larger percentage of their paycheck on housing, we remain concerned about the trend of increasing notices to foreclose."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives, "like"

us on Facebook at facebook.com/norfolkdeeds. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @norfolkdeeds.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, located at 649 High St., Dedham, is the principal office for real property in Norfolk County. The Registry is a resource for homeowners, title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, and others with a need for secure, accurate, and accessible land record information.

All land record research information can be found on the Registry's website, www.norfolkdeeds.org.

Residents in need of assistance can call the Registry of Deeds Customer Service Center at (781) 461-6101 or email registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.

Two Free Walking Tours To Explore History Of St. Moritz Winter Carnival

The Department of Natural Resources Environmental Treasures program is offering two free walking tours in the Blue Hills to explore the history of the St. Moritz Winter Carnival.

The tours will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required.

To register, pick one tour

and email sowen@quincy-ma.gov. Details and meeting place will be provided upon registration.

The Carnival was named after the second Winter Olympics held in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Scandinavian immigrants to Quincy decided to create their own version of the Olympics in the Blue Hills in 1929. They dug up a wetland to

create ponds for ice skating and built a toboggan chute and an impressive ski jump, the remains of which are visible today.

Using old photos and maps, the tour will explore the activities of the Carnival which went from 1929 to 1940.

To view a film of the festival, search on youtube for qatv 1930s silent film of Blue Hills skiing and St. Moritz Winter Carnival. Photos and news clip-

pings of the Carnival can be viewed at the Thomas Crane Library reference desk by requesting the notebook of the St. Moritz Winter Carnival.

The tour will be a leisurely stroll of approximate two hours. Participants must be able to walk up and down several steep hills.

To receive email notices of future free monthly Environmental Treasures tours, send a request to sowen@quincyma.gov.

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Keenan Undecided On Bill Legalizing Teachers Strike

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police and firefighters, in the fall.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association has identified a bill that would allow public employees, excluding public safety personnel, to strike after six months of failed contract talks as one of its legislative priorities for the term that began last month.

When asked about legislation that would allow teachers to go on strike, Keenan, a Quincy Democrat, said he was still in the process of reviewing the nearly 7,000 bills that were filed by lawmakers at the start of the new term.

"We're in the process of, having filed our bills, now reviewing bills for purposes of co-sponsoring and then to get a sense of what's out there. I have heard there has been discussion about that, I assume a bill has been filed, and it would give teachers apparently the right to

strike," Keenan said.

"I don't know where I come down on it. It started to percolate at the end of the last session, and I started to think about it a little bit."

While he said teachers across the board deserve better pay, Keenan said he has some reservations about giving them the ability to go on strike.

"I have some concerns about teachers' ability to strike. I understand that they feel like their wages have fallen behind. I think they have — I think they deserve higher wages across the board. I think the challenges of COVID have really left an impression on teachers that this is a really difficult job. To continue to attract talent, I think we have to make sure we have good wages and benefits," Keenan said.

"So, I strongly support that they are unionized, that they can collectively bargain. I think they deserve

a better shake statewide. I think we in many cases underpay teachers. So, I strongly support the union effort — the right to unionize, which most of them are.

"But, it's also a unique situation where we've seen it with children and COVID, what an interruption to an educational program does to a child. We're going to see over the next several years — we've already seen it and we'll continue to see it — the impact of having students out of school, and we've got to weigh that into any decision that we make about teachers having a right to strike.

"And that goes across, I think, for police and fire as well. They are not permitted to strike and so if teachers are allowed to strike will police and fire look to strike, and where does that leave us. Those are three critically important areas — public safety and education — and a strike would be very much

disruptive across the board."

"So, I'm not saying I would be in favor or opposed to it, but that's kind of the thought process that I've had," Keenan added. "I do understand the frustration teachers have right now. They feel they made a real serious commitment during COVID and had to deal with an awful lot during COVID and that the pressures of their job are at the point where they feel their compensation is not adequate.

"I tend to agree with that — that's not a reflection on the negotiations here in Quincy or up in Woburn, but I think in general we have to value teachers more. But, the question of a strike, I don't know. There's pros and there's cons. I'm a strong union supporter but in critical positions like that I think we have to give it a lot of work as to how that would work and what the consequences would be."

When asked if teachers' ability to negotiate a new contract is lessened because they cannot go on strike, Keenan said educators have been able to bargain effectively without walking off the job.

"I have seen in my time in government teachers organize and be very effective in getting contracts," he said.

"When I worked in the mayor's office, in Jim Sheets' office, there was a pretty raucous time between the mayor and the teachers, and it was one of the most raucous — I don't remember if it was a hearing or they just came to a council meeting — at City Hall as I remember. Paul Phillips had a cowbell, the windows were

open, there were people down below, they were all the way down the chamber and on the steps overflowing.

"It was impactful. I know it was. I was there. It definitely had an impact, so there are things that can be done short of a strike that can be quite impactful."

"In the past, they used to do 'work to rule,'" Keenan continued. "Basically, they would work their straight hours and extracurriculars and things like that they don't participate in. So, there are ways to draw attention and to put a little force behind what they're seeking.

"But my experience has been that teachers have always stepped up. Even in work to rule situations, they didn't like it. They like to do what they do and they found it frustrating."

"There must be a very increased level of frustration for them to be considering striking, and I can understand that," he added. "I think they see public-facing organizations get a lot more attention and a lot more resources, and I think that frustration has built up within them and it's at obviously a pretty high point right now in many communities across the commonwealth.

"I was just listening to the radio. The Woburn mayor said he settled I think six contracts out of seven contracts in the city. The only one he hasn't settled with is teachers — the same as in Quincy. So, teachers are definitely at a point of real frustration.

"When you look at wages, their wages haven't kept pace with other public offi-

cials, nor have librarians or others. In most municipalities, it's police and fire that are high wage earners and you have to go down quite a ways to find a classroom teacher on a list of who is earning what in a municipality, and I think they're expressing that frustration."

Voters this past November approved Question 1, which creates an additional 4 percent tax on income over \$1 million. Money generated from the additional tax is to be used for public education and repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation, subject to legislative approval.

Keenan said he has filed legislation to put revenue generated from the additional tax into an account separate from the state's general fund, and it remains to be determined how that new revenue will be used.

"We want to see it go into a separate account. It would be much more transparent, and it would be very, very clear as to whether it's being spent to supplement what would otherwise be spent or if it's a substitute for what otherwise would be spent," Keenan said.

"In terms of whether it will be designated for K-12, higher education, roads and bridges versus MBTA, all that is to be determined. I have no sense at this point where that money will go. We will probably get our first sense pretty soon when the governor's budget is filed and then we'll have a better sense in April when the House budget is filed and then in May when our budget is filed."

Councillors Seek Update On Empty Liaison Post

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why no qualified candidates have applied for the job.

"It might be a situation where we have to go back and look at those goals and recommendations and maybe take a look at that job description to see whether or not it's the job description that we're having a hard time placing it, is it the salary that we're having a hard time placing it, or is it that we're not really trying to place it all," Mahoney said.

"It's a real job that we really want to place. What I don't want to see happen is this money going into free cash next year because it is a position that is an important position. And, we have had multiple issues in the city that have happened that would have been beneficial if we had somebody that would be able to come up and speak to the community about that."

Liang said she would appreciate an update on the position, but also appreciates how much effort was made to ensure the position would be more than performative.

"I think in this world these days when you talk about DEI and justice and equity, a lot of it does come across as just performative, and I think the intention behind this is for it to be impactful and to be real when it comes to making actual change and not just be a performative thing that we can check the box and say that we did this," Liang said.

"I first and foremost want to say I appreciate requesting the update because it is something that I am also eager to see along with the residents who reached out on it, but I also appreciate that there is a lot of care and intention going into making sure that it is executed in such a way that it's not just performative."

Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain, who chaired the equity and inclusion commission, said he and his colleagues on the commission "had a series of very frank and open discussions" and that it "took so much time to first defuse what are the more performative aspects of this subject matter."

Some of the expectations for what the new community liaison will be able to accomplish are unrealistic, Cain added.

"I wouldn't want this job," he said. "I don't know if it will ever be set up to be successful because the anticipation of what the job would seek to perform from some my colleagues, with no disrespect meant, I think is unrealistic at times."

"I think even in this resolution where we're talking about this position handling a situation in the school system about potential racism, and this position is never going cure racism in Quincy or anywhere. And never would this type of position do that. That's just not realistic and/or feasible."

Cain said the Quincy Public Schools hired a new equity, diversity and inclusion director, Kim Ngo Connolly, who began working for the district this past summer.

"I also know there is a person in the school system that is sort of tasked with managing or looking into aspects of this, so I would love to know what they're up to, especially vis-a-vis this recent incident in the school system," he said.

"I think the work is difficult," Cain added, "and I don't think this is going to be a panacea to get anyone to a point where they feel like certain aspects of prejudice and discrimination are eradicated because that's just not going to happen through this position at all."

In a statement following the meeting, Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff, said the mayor does intend to fill the position.

"The City is obviously not immune to the pressures that exist in today's labor market. This is very specific position, and the response has been slow. It's been advertised — and we will continue to do — and it will get filled," Walker said.

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During the past month, the Quincy Police Drug Control Unit conducted an investigation into the sale of cocaine in the City of Quincy. As a result of this investigation, the target of the investigation was identified as a female living on Quincy Shore Drive, Quincy. Detectives applied for, and were granted, search warrants for the individual and her residence.

On Friday, Jan. 27, at approximately 7:50 p.m. detectives observed the female exit her residence and enter her vehicle. She was followed to Stop and Shop, where she parked her vehicle.

After remaining in the vehicle for approximately five minutes, the female exited the vehicle and began walking towards the store. Once she stepped up on the sidewalk, a black Toyota Camry pulled up in the fire lane and stopped where she was now standing.

Detectives observed her lean into the Camry's open passenger side window and make an exchange with the operator. The female then stepped away from the car and began to walk into the store as the car pulled away. At that time, all members of the DCU believed the female engaged in a drug deal with the lone occupant of the Camry. Detectives encountered the operator of the Camry. She admitted she purchased cocaine from the female.

A Job Well Done

By **QUINCY POLICE SGT. KARYN BARKAS**
Public Information Officer
Quincy Police Department

Detectives encountered the female resident inside Stop and Shop and asked her to step outside. They informed her of the search warrants and that she was under arrest for distribution of cocaine. Detectives conducted a search of the female and located the following evidentiary value from her purse: one (1) knotted bag of white powder believed to be cocaine, an iPhone, \$423 in currency, a safe deposit box key, a small Ziplock bag containing 3 white tablets, and a set of keys.

Members of DCU then went to her residence and executed the search warrant of her apartment. A systematic search of the residence was conducted. The following items were seized: two plastic bags of a white powder, Buprenorphine Films (taken as a replacement in the treatment of opioid dependence), Suboxone Strips, Methamphetamine pills, three (3) digital scales, \$10,520 in currency, a Tupperware

container containing a compressed brick of white powder (Cocaine), THC gummies, Fentanyl pills, various prescription medication, and other items indicative of the sale of narcotics.

The 43-year-old from Quincy was transported to the police station where she was booked on the following charges: trafficking Class B (Cocaine) over 36 grams, distribution of Class B (Cocaine), possession with the intent to distribute Class A (Fentanyl), possession with the intent to distribute Class B (Buprenorphine), possession with the intent to distribute Class B (Oxycodone), possession with the intent to distribute Class B (Methamphetamine), possession with the intent to distribute Class B (Amphetamine), and possession with the intent to distribute Class D.

Photographs of all evidence were taken. The cocaine was weighed and found to weigh approximately 70 grams. All drug evidence was packaged and will be forwarded to the Massachusetts State Police Crime lab for further analysis.

All non-drug evidence will be submitted into evidence. The iPhone and \$10,943 were seized pending civil forfeiture. It is believed the phone was used to facilitate drug sales and the money is proceeds from those sales.

Great work!

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FRIDAY, JAN. 27

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT, 16:32 p.m., Bates Avenue. Reporting party says before he left, a white male wearing a red hat, grey sweatshirt, blue pants with paint on them forced the door. The reporting party asked the male what he was doing there and he replied "I'm doing work here." Reporting party observed a female passenger jump into the driver seat and fled with the male. Gray Nissan Rogue. The female is described as black female with black hair. Report

LARCENY (in PD lobby), 6:02 p.m., Coddington Street. Insulin pump and medication along with cell phone stolen. Case number provided, report to be filed.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT, 11:18 a.m., Clay Street. Parties still on scene, sleeping on 12th floor. Male went to the bathroom in the trash room, attempted doors on all the first floor offices and gained access to maintenance. Two parties trespassed in presence of Officer Sullivan.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY, 12:44 p.m., Botolph Street. Has video of someone damaging his motor vehicle. Identified the suspect; officer will file.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (fence), 2:11 p.m., Chubbuck Street. Graffiti to fence.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (overdue rental), 10:39 a.m., Willard Street. Ford box truck, supposed to be returned a month ago. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (past), 1:59 p.m., Hancock Street. Reporting party states that while she was dining out last evening her wallet was taken. Case number provided.

LARCENY/MOTOR VEHICLE (white Chevy Spark), 4:14 p.m., Hancock Street. Stolen less than five minutes ago. White Chevy Spark. Reporting party is a delivery driver. He went into the restaurant to get food. When he came outside the vehicle was gone. Be on look out at 4:30 p.m. Stolen motor vehicle form filled out.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/ATTEMPT, 7:48 p.m., Kent Street. Arrest made. Male seen on camera trying

ing to open bulkhead. Reporting party states male was wearing a winter hat and coat. Reporting party states he walked down the hill. 785 out at Copeland and Common Street with a party matching the given description: light skinned male wearing a light grey hoodie with a black hat with a pom pom on top. 774 out with someone matching description in front of Donut King. One under arrest for breaking and entering in the nighttime.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

LARCENY (package), 11:13 a.m., Hancock Street. Report filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (dwelling), 3:18 p.m., Woodward Avenue. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (cash), 4:10 p.m., Beale Street. Reporting party stated her boyfriend had \$450 cash in an envelope he left on the counter and someone took it. Store has camera footage. Reporting party and boyfriend will be by the pharmacy. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST, 4:55 p.m., Copeland Street. Meet caller at the above address. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (past), 7:07 p.m., Willard Street. States it happened about 20 minutes ago. This is the second time it happened with the same vehicle but first time was only \$10. This time it was \$60 gas and cigarettes. Reporting party states he has footage of the vehicle with the plate and it is not MA registration. Report to be filed. Penske rental truck.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

LARCENY (wallet/past), 1:21 p.m., Hancock Street. Serviced.

LARCENY (past), 8:25 p.m., Coddington Street. Caller's items were taken out of his locker. Credit card is currently being used at Walmart but it got declined. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

LARCENY (medications/past), 11:08 a.m., Edgewater Drive. Report.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (plants), 1:56 p.m., Lawn Avenue. Reporting party states someone pulled up at the house this morning and lit his plants on fire. He has camera

footage. Report to be filed.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

LARCENY, 1:35 p.m., D'Angelos, 260 Hancock St. Happened yesterday. Cash from wallet. Report filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PROGRESS (unwanted male), 10:21 p.m., Water Street. Male party in house asking roommate for money. Can hear a male party slamming on the door. Unknown weapons. Second caller stated the male was his cousin. Party kicked his door in and then left. Uncooperative victim. Report to be filed.

Total Calls For Service Jan. 27 - Feb. 2: 1,053

BREAKING & ENTERING IN PROGRESS: Water Street

BREAKING & ENTERING IN THE PAST: Falls Boulevard, Woodward Avenue, Copeland Street

BREAKING & ENTERING ATTEMPT: Kent Street, Bates Avenue

LARCENY MV: Hancock Street, Willard Street (overdue rental)

BREAKING & ENTERING MV: Vassal Street, South Central Terrace, Davis Street

Entries in the Quincy Police Crime Awareness Journal are compiled and submitted by the Quincy Police Department. The following are included in the journal:

Assault and battery, breaking and entering/progress, breaking and entering/attempted, larceny over/under, attempted larceny, larceny motor vehicle, armed robbery, attempted rape, vandalism private property and indecent exposure

The journal is published by *The Quincy Sun* as a public service to make local residents more aware of crime activity in their neighborhood.

Readers and the public are also welcome to view the Press Journal that is published (on Tuesday) of every week on the Quincy Police website: https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/police/resources/press_journal.php?outer=88

Sheriff's Office: Beware Phone Scams Impersonating Law Enforcement

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott is warning county residents that phone scammers have been impersonating local law enforcement, including the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office, in an attempt to fraudulently steal funds from residents.

"Residents should remain vigilant when they receive calls asking them for money. The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement will never call residents and demand payment," said Sheriff McDermott. "We are working closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement to track down these criminals and help keep local residents safe from fraudulent calls."

Scammers have recently started identifying themselves on the phone as officers from local law enforcement, including the Sheriff's Office, even using the names of actual officers in those departments in an attempt to con callers out of funds. They may attempt to instill fear in recipients by claiming there is a warrant for their arrest, unpaid fines,

or that a relative has been arrested and needs money to be released.

"If you ever receive a call from someone claiming to be the Sheriff's Office or another law enforcement agency, it is okay to hang up and call that agency directly, even if the caller ID appears to be legitimate," said Sheriff McDermott. "If it's a legitimate call, we won't be upset if you take precautions to confirm our identity, but remember that we will never demand payment for anything over the phone."

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office shared tips for identifying and avoiding fraudulent scam calls:

- Scam callers often try to instill a sense of urgency so that the recipient feels that they have to act quickly and not think too much about the validity of the call. Hanging up and looking up the correct number for the law enforcement office the caller claims to be from (instead of relying on the number that appears on caller ID) is a good way to confirm the identity of the caller.

- Scammers will frequently demand payment in difficult-to-trace ways, such as cash left in a local locker, gift cards, Bitcoin transfers, or more.

- Scammers will sometimes target families and pretend to be an officer who has arrested a relative, such as a grandchild or will pretend to be the relative. If you receive a call from a relative in distress who is asking for money, hang up and call that relative directly to confirm.

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office encourages residents to report any suspicious or scam calls to their local police department. This helps local law enforcement track the rate and frequency of calls and identify common tactics and strategies scammers may be adopting.

More Quincy news:

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Mahoney Wants Update On McGrath Highway Property

By SCOTT JACKSON

Councillor Anne Mahoney wants the Koch administration to provide city councillors with an update on the city's \$1.8 million purchase of an office building on McGrath Highway as well as an update on properties the administration has acquired using federal funds.

Mahoney put forward a resolution seeking an update on the acquisition of the property at 6-10 McGrath Highway during the council's meeting on Jan. 30. Because the resolution was not on the agenda for that evening's meeting, councillors could not take any action on it that night. The resolution will appear on the agenda for councillors' next meet-

ing on Feb. 13.

The city purchased the property at 6-10 McGrath Highway for \$1.8 million this past December. The site contains 9,359 square feet of land and is home to a 5,000-square-foot office building.

In an interview earlier in January, Mayor Thomas Koch said he had acquired the building for the city so that it could be used for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous groups. The mayor also said the purchase had been made using funds the city received from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act.

In her resolution put forward on Jan. 30, Mahoney said it appears the building

was acquired not with ARPA money but with funds from the \$53 million district-improvement-financing bond city councillors approved last June. She also said that the building on McGrath Highway "is yet another commercial property being taken off the tax rolls without proper discussion from the City Council or any procedural vote."

The resolution asks that the administration provide the City Council with an update on the purchase of the McGrath Highway building, including a report of any funding used from either ARPA or the DIF bond, as well as a list of properties acquired to date using ARPA funds.

City councillors have

passed two resolutions, the first in September 2021 and the second in February 2022, seeking an update from the administration on ARPA spending. The administration has yet to provide such an update to councillors.

"We read in the newspaper that the administration is more than willing to come forward to talk to us about ARPA funds, and yet they don't," Mahoney said. "We have to read in the publications that these things are happening. It's not correct."

Mahoney added that Alcoholics Anonymous is meant to be anonymous.

"Coming from a family that has alcoholics in it, anonymous means something for a reason. To buy a building and to put a spot-

light on a building for Alcoholics Anonymous is really offensive," she said.

"It's a noble thing to say when you're trying to solve people's problems, but this is supposed to be anonymous."

In that same January interview, Koch said the city has likely spent or allocated most of the ARPA money it received from the federal government. Some of those funds have been used to acquire properties like the Munroe Building in Quincy Center and the Town River Marina on Southern Artery, both of which were purchased without a City Council vote.

Because all the ARPA money has been spent or otherwise encumbered, Ma-

honey said the administration should give a presentation on its use of those funds at the Feb. 13 meeting.

"These are important things we need to discuss, and we can't let it sit any longer," she said.

Koch's chief of staff, Chris Walker, was not at the Jan. 30 council meeting. When reached for comment following the meeting, Walker said he had not seen Mahoney's resolution.

"I haven't seen that resolution – and I don't think it actually exists yet as part of the record," Walker stated on Feb. 2. "I wasn't there on Monday night, but I was told that it wasn't going to come in to the next meeting."

Interventionists Helping Elementary School Students Learn Math

By SCOTT JACKSON

The school district's math interventionists recently met with the School Committee to highlight the work they are doing in elementary schools citywide to help students learn math.

The Quincy Public Schools has a team of nine math interventionists in place, including three who were added ahead of the start of the current school year. Three of those interventionists – Julie Campbell, Holly Davis and Alyse Oliveri – and Kim Quinn, a math curriculum coordinator for the district, provided the committee with a presentation on the work they are doing this year at the school board's meeting on Jan. 25.

Quinn said the district's math interventionists help students and classroom teachers in a variety of ways.

"These math specialists are truly a jack of all trades. There is nothing they won't do to help students and staff," said Quinn, who added that their major roles are that of data analysts, proctor screeners, progress monitors, teachers, co-teachers and supporters of QPS staff.

To determine which students are in need of extra help, the team uses data from MAP tests administered in the fall. Input from classroom teachers is also important in making that decision.

"All of this comes into play as they figure out what students they'll be servicing," Quinn said.

This year, the interventionists are focusing on students in grades 2 through 4. Quinn said they are doing so in part because not all of the elementary schools house fifth graders, and the team would have been spread out too much having to go to all

eleven elementary schools and the two middle schools with fifth graders.

"Spreading nine staff members across 13 buildings just was not going to be feasible," she said. "They would have been spread way too thin."

In addition, she said that some students in grades 2 through 4 have gaps in foundational math skills because of the pandemic.

"We are also dealing with the fallout of the pandemic, and our grade 2 students were in kindergarten remote learning. Our third graders...didn't finish kindergarten and grade 4 didn't finish first grade," Quinn said. "So, as a result, we're seeing gaps in foundational math skills in these particular grades."

While the focus is primarily on those three grades, Quinn noted the team does help out at the other elementary grades levels when possible.

"The team is still supporting K, 1 and 5 when they can," she said. "They are sharing resources, they are planning with new teachers, they are assisting with screeners in kindergarten and grade 1 since we don't have MAP data on those students."

Quinn said her team is "thrilled with" progress made by students so far this year. On assessments

conducted as of the Jan. 25 meeting, the average increase in RIT points from fall to winter for second graders who were targeted for extra help was more than 11.5. For third graders, there was an average increase of more than nine RIT points, and for fourth graders the average increase was more than six RIT points.

"Once the winter MAP testing is complete, the math interventionists along with the classroom teachers will look at the data again and make adjustments to their targeted groups," Quinn added.

Team members use two models for providing the extra help to students. In the push-in model, the interventionist joins the class when the classroom teacher is giving a math lesson. The students are typically broken out into groups and the teacher and interventionist go around the room to visit with each group, giving both a clear picture of how all the students are doing.

"With the push-in model, the math interventionist goes into the teacher's classroom when she teaches math," Oliveri said. "What happens is the teacher and the math interventionist collaborate, and they both teach various aspects of the math lesson that day."

The alternative is the pull-out model, where stu-

dents leave the classroom to join a smaller group working with the interventionist. Davis said that some of the students prefer that model because it creates a risk-free environment to learn in.

"I think the pull-out model, some kids just love coming to a different space. It's a smaller group. And, it's a place also where they are free to share if they

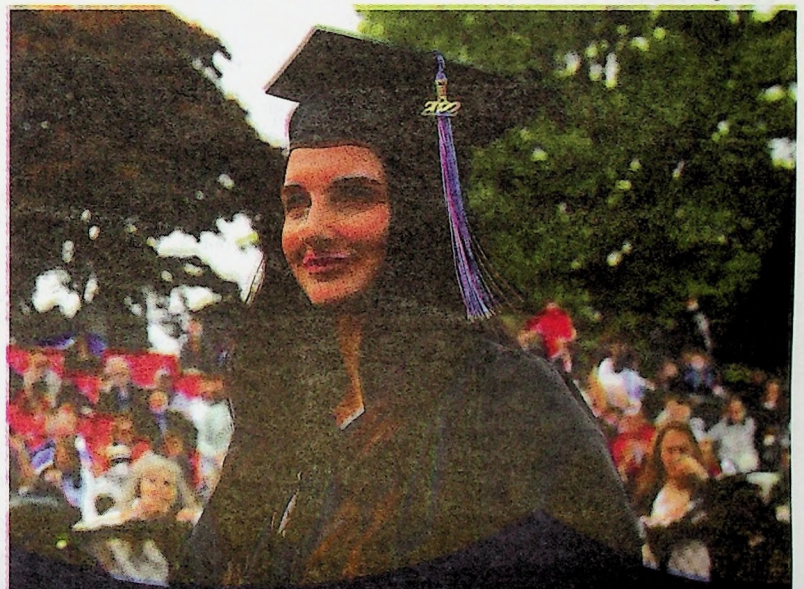
have anxiety about math or if they're confused about things – maybe they don't want to say that in front of the whole class," Davis said. "It's really a risk-free environment that we provide for them."

The presentation included short videos of the interventionists working with students, both in-groups and one-on-one. In one of the

group videos, the interventionists asked students to multiply two numbers and then how they arrived at the given answer. In the one-on-one videos, the interventionists asked the students to add or subtract different numbers, and then how they came to that answer.

In addition to adding the three new interventionists

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READERS FORUM

Welcoming Home To Diverse Population

As I read that letter last week (Feb. 2) by James Hahn criticizing Mayor Tom Koch for dishonoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by not bringing up King in his video for MLK Day for not cancelling Garbage Day. Apparently, some of the mayor's critics don't think His Honor doesn't talk about racism in Quincy enough.

I will add, I missed the annual MLK Breakfast that had become a tradition on the holiday held over in the cafeteria at Quincy High School. I have usually attended this memorial breakfast, gathering with friends and listening to a guest speaker who can put perspective on who and what Dr. King's dream was all about. I hope the breakfast will return next year.

However, what struck me was the intention of the letter writer. It seems the purpose of his critical letter was less about Dr. King and more about the mayor speaking about America's Judeo-Christian founding by the likes of Washington, Jefferson, Madison and the like.

Of course America was founded as a Christian nation. It was founded as a nation wherever regardless of their creed were to be treated as equals under the law here. America's roots began with the pilgrims who fled a State Church in England and ended up at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

Most of our founding fathers as war with England approached were unitarian, congregationalist or agnostic. However, for the most part they believed in both the Bible and Judeo-Christian values. Among our Bill of Rights, all were guaranteed freedom to practice whatever their religion was. It wasn't freedom from religion but freedom of religion that shall not be abridged by government.

How can anyone really dispute our Judeo-Christian roots as a nation. Just read our founding documents. We have alienable inherent rights 9 natural rights 0 bestowed upon us by our Creator. Those aren't my words, those are the words of our founders. In fact, the whole civil rights movement and

endless struggle was founded on the premise of these Judeo-Christian principles.

I do understand the letter writer about speaking out on anti-racism. We all should and all the time. It isn't enough to say you are an anti-racist, you must act accordingly. I have been connected to my Quincy roots going back my entire life. When I lived in either Wollaston or North Quincy for 25 years, I represented the third generation of my mom's Harrington family.

I look around today, I look around the last nearly 40 years and I look around my childhood years visiting my family members, I see a Quincy today that has grown and matured and is now a welcoming home to such a diverse population. No one or no place is perfect because none of us are perfect but we have grown leaps and bounds since the days of the Bargain Center and Eastern Mass. buses running up and down the street between Quincy Square and Fields Corner in Dorchester.

Sal Giarratani
East Boston

Work Together To Reimagine MLK Day
As Springboard For Many Days Of Service

Editor's note: A copy of the following letter was submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication.)

Dear Mayor Koch,

Current residents of Quincy may not be aware of the history of the celebration of MLK Day by the City of Quincy for 32 years. In 1988, then Mayor Frank McCauley tasked his Affirmative Action officer Janet Ellis to coordinate with the City of Quincy Human Rights Commission and the Rev. Sheldon Bennett of United First Parish Church to celebrate the first MLK Day Service.

Many community allies worked together. The Church of the Presidents was filled. It was such a grand success that, eventually the much anticipated MLK Holiday breakfast was celebrated annually through 2020.

The MLK Breakfasts, led by the Human Right Commission and then the Germantown Neighborhood Center were organized with many, many different community partners. The Quincy Sun reported in January 2020 that the MLK Breakfast had a Standing Room Only crowd at Quincy High School with the meal prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students. The key component was always the leadership of the City of Quincy. Understandably, due to Covid restrictions, no MLK celebrations were held in January 2021.

It is dismaying to me that MLK Day was not celebrated in 2022 or 2023 even as during these same years our country struggled mightily with the vast legacy and crimes of racism. This City knows how to celebrate holidays: witness Flag Day,

the three days of Christmas Holiday celebrations and the upcoming Winterfest on President's Day. Per American, "MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities." Every Quincy and North Quincy High School student has a requirement of 10 hours of Community Service for graduation. Our students have so much talent and potential. There is no end to the opportunities to improve our City.

The talented and capable city workers who can coordinate the other holidays can work with the schools. The newly proposed position of the Community Liaison Coordinator attached to the Mayor's Office would be an ideal link between City Hall and the high schools.

To those who would protest, "We've never done it that way!" I answer that institutional inertia is not an acceptable excuse. I urge this City's government, volunteer organizations, nonprofits, parents and families - everyone - to work together with our schools to reimagine MLK Day as a springboard for Many Days of Service.

Thank you,

Claire Fitzmaurice
Calvin Road
Quincy

READERS FORUM

LET'S RESTORE THE ORIGINAL VISION OF
THE QUARRY HILLS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY!

Dear Quincyans and Miltonians

I am offering this letter to update readers on important research and advocacy that our group of concerned citizens are doing to educate the City Councilors on the back story of the Home Rule Petition/99 year lease extension request by the Mayor's office. The request includes a proposal to offer Quarry Hill's Associates, a private developer, a 99 year lease for Granite Link's Golf Course so that they will be able to add a hotel and more parking to the golf course. (ref. Order 2022-131-Home Rule Petition/99 Year Lease).

Recall that in the early 90's, with the state's permission, the City of Quincy and Milton leased this public land, once a landfill, to a private developer, Quarry Hill's Associates (QHA), to develop it into a golf course to make use of big dig excavation dirt to cap landfills at the existing unused quarries on the site. The leased public land forms the northern tip of the Blue Hills Reservation.

The original concept for Quarry Hills was to develop it into newly created public park called the "Quarry Hills Recreational Complex" envisioned to include publicly accessible outdoor recreational amenities including the golf course, walking paths, and a variety of ballfields on Quarry Hills.

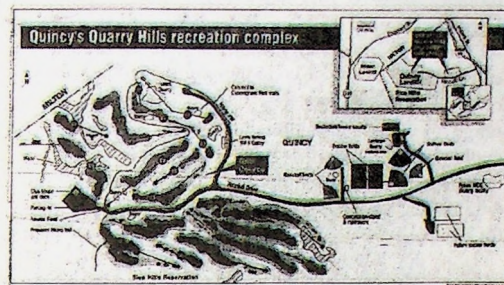
OCTOBER 3, 1997 | Quincy PATRIOT-LEDGER published conceptual plan of Quarry Hills Recreational Complex (right) showing a hiking trail crossing the area to be filled southerly from Fuller's Quarry to the Blue Hills Reservation. An editorial published the same day entitled "Big Dig Dirt is gold to Quincy" states that "Quincy's leisure time and fitness environment got a huge boost this week" and that developer Quarry Hills "plans to build and maintain walking and jogging trails."

LET'S GET THE TRAILS BACK!

Before the landfill became a golf course, there were several popular public walking and hiking trails that crisscrossed the land and the historic quarries connecting West Quincy and Milton to the Blue Hills. Recognizing the importance of maintaining this connection, in exchange for allowing QHA to develop the land, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stipulated that QHA maintain public access to it and that by incorporating hiking trails into the design of the golf course to allow the continuation of public access to the Blue Hills.

However, Quarry Hills Associates eventually convinced the DEP to scrap the walking trails requirement due to alleged safety concerns. They claim that they didn't incorporate the trails into the golf course design because it would not be safe to have trail users' transverse the golf course.

Since the golf course opened, public access to and through the course has been restricted through fencing and signage (right) leaving hikers, walkers and residents that live on Quarry Hill's, who desire access to the Blue Hill's, limited options. They must walk around the golf course or drive a mile out of their way to a trail head.



However, though thoughtful design, trails could have been incorporated had the City of Quincy enforced the DEP requirement during its original design. Other golf courses have hiking trails incorporated in them like Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton (below).



The approval by the City Council to develop the Quarry Hill's Recreational Complex was predicated on the promise that trails would be included in the design of the golf course. We didn't get what we asked for.

Let's fix this BEFORE negotiating the future lease!

Let's DEMAND that the City of Quincy RESTORE the public walking paths to the Blue Hills as originally envisioned in the Quarry Hills Recreational Complex!

Sign/Share our petition to RESTORE public trail access to the Blue Hills. Leave a comment. (<http://bit.ly/3vYvHfE>)



LET'S CREATE A NEW VISIONARY MASTER PLAN FOR QUARRY HILLS!

The golf course was developed on publicly owned land that is zoned as open space. The purpose of open space is to benefit our recreational and respite needs. Adding significant commercial development to the golf course will change the character of the Quarry Hill's neighborhood and affect the entire region. Before we lease our public lands that will impact many future generations of Quincyans...Miltonians...hikers...bikers...walkers...climbers...neighbors...let's take a different approach.

Let's DEMAND that the City

- Perform **DUE DILIGENCE** evaluations of QHA's current lease obligations that includes restoring the trails and fixing the drainage at the ball fields.
- Create a visionary **MASTER PLAN** that addresses the traffic disaster at Ricciuti Drive/Willard Street intersection, creates safe pedestrian and biking access, adds walkable and tree lined connections between the ball fields, the golf course, the Club House, the historic Quarries, Milton and Quincy neighborhoods and to the Blue Hills) (Check out our **Concept Master Plan** at this link! (<http://bit.ly/3GKH4j3>))
- Create and **OVERSIGHT** committee of citizens, planners and city officials to oversee the development and the execution of the **MASTERPLAN**.

LET'S RESTORE THE ORIGINAL VISION OF THE QUARRY HILLS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY!

Sign/Share our petition to create a visionary MASTERPLAN. Leave a comment. (<http://bit.ly/3vYvHfE>)



JOIN US at the City Council Meeting on February 13, 2023 to participate in a discussion with City Councilors on these important topics.

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Julia McGillicuddy On
Fairfield University Dean's List

Julia Christine McGillicuddy has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Fairfield Uni-

versity in Fairfield, CT. McGillicuddy is a member of the Class of 2025 and

majoring in nursing. She is a 2021 graduate of Quincy High School.

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Quincy College Hoop Rolls Toward Postseason Berth

Mekhi Dedrick Earns National Player Of The Week Honors

With the 2022-23 season now in its final month, the Quincy College men's basketball is poised for a strong finish – and success in the postseason.

With a record at press time of 16-2 (16-4 overall), the Granite is in second place in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA)'s Region 21 standings, and the team is headed for a much-

anticipated showdown with first-place Northern Essex Community College on Saturday, Feb. 11. And one of the Granite's key contributors has just earned some well-deserved national recognition.

On the strength of a series of impressive late January performances, guard Mekhi Dedrick of Dorchester was named last week's NJCAA Division III Men's Player of

the Week. Dedrick, a former Boston Public Schools All-Star, broke his personal game-high mark for assists twice in the same week during a stretch in which he averaged 18 points, 13 assists and five rebounds per game. He also shot an eye-popping 57.1 percent from the field.

The Quincy College-Northern Essex Community College matchup will tip off at 5 p.m. on Saturday at

Eastern Nazarene College. Admission is free.

The Quincy College men's hockey team wraps up the home portion of its inaugural season with two games this week. The Granite will face off against the University of New Hampshire on Friday at 7 p.m. and Brown University on Sunday at 2 p.m. Both games are at Quincy Youth Arena and admission is free.



QUINCY COLLEGE'S Mekhi Dedrick has been a key contributor to the Granite's success, including earning national Player of the Week honors. Photo Courtesy Matt Domino

Quincy, Environmental Police Basic Boat Safety Courses

The Quincy Police Marine Unit, in partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, will be presenting two Basic Boating Safety Courses at no cost to the public.

The courses are designed for persons 12 years old and up, regardless of boating skill.

Courses are nationally approved, and course completion will allow persons to legally operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety Courses. Everyone who completes

the course will be issued a Basic Boating Safety Certificate. All graduates in the 12 through 15 year-old age group will be legally allowed to operate a motorboat without adult supervision. The same is true for 16 and 17 year old youth who wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet ski, wave runner, etc.)

In addition, some insurance companies offer policy discounts for customers that complete a Basic Boating Safety Course.

Course offerings for

2023 are:

March, Class ID code: QPD1 (March 14, 21, 28). Course hours are Tuesday evenings 6 to 10 p.m.

March-April, Class ID code: QPD2 (March 25, April 1, 8). Course hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All of the above courses will be taught at the Houghs Neck Community Center, 1193 Sea St. (same building as Manet Community Health Center).

To register for a course go to the Massachusetts En-

vironmental Police Department website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/mep-boating-safety-course-online-enrollment-form>

Fill out the MEP Boating Safety Course Online Enrollment Form using the Class ID code for the course you want to attend.

For more information or help registering, call the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department at 508-564-4961 Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

QHS/West Point Alumni Hockey Game To Benefit Mike Chenette

Alumni from Quincy High School and West Point will play a hockey game to benefit Mike Chenette on Saturday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Quincy Youth Arena.

There will also be a post-game social at the Quincy Lodge of Elks, 254 Quarry St., Quincy, from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be a buffet, cash bar, raffles/prizes and fun reuniting with family and friends.

Player cost is \$100 which includes a game shirt and post-game social. Reserve a spot by March 1.

Admission to the hockey game will be \$30 and the post-game social is \$40. Attending both is \$60.

The alumni game and social will benefit Mike Chenette, a 1983 graduate of Quincy High School who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease.) The disease requires significant home and healthcare related changes for Mike, his wife Bridget and sons Will (15) and Jake

(13).

Mike was the captain of the QHS hockey team his senior year and later attended and played intercollegiate hockey at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mike's QHS and West Point alumni (aka MIKE'S ARMY) are coming together to organize a QHS/West Point alumni hockey game and post-game social. The event will assist in raising money to support Mike and his family as they navigate this challenging time but more importantly, will be an opportunity to gather and celebrate Mike's passion for life, family, friends and hockey!

Event attendees are encouraged to pay in advance. Donations in lieu of attending are also welcome. See payment options below.

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<https://venmo.com/u/Jodi-Megnia>

Checks: Payable to "A Knight for Mike" c/o Jodi

Megnia

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Cash and check will also be accepted at the door.

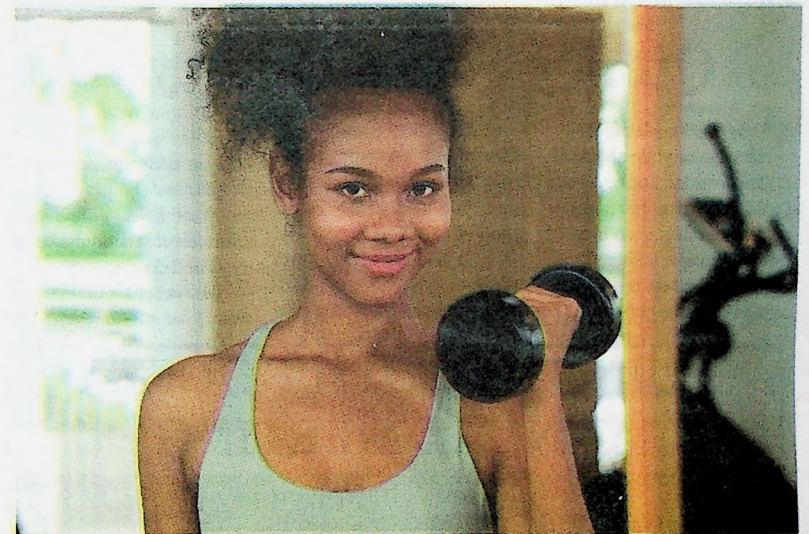
Raffle Donations

If you want to donate raffle items (gift baskets, certificates, sports memorabilia, event tickets, etc.) contact "A Knight for Mike" committee member listed below:

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Cheryl Bamberg - cherbam@comcast.net
Nancy Martin Coose - Nancycoose@gmail.com
Doug Concannon - Concannons@comcast.net
Jodi Megnia - Jodbrab@verizon.net; mobile 781-983-1329

For anyone traveling from out of town, a block of rooms and discounted rates will be available to reserve for Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at the Marriott Boston Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169. The telephone number is 617-472-1000.

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Bethany Congregational Church

Bethany Congregational Church regular Sunday service will begin at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12.

Coffee Hour is held after services in the Allen Parlor. Come for refreshments and interesting conversation.

The public is welcome to visit the church Thrift Shop located at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The hours are Wednesday and

Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays 4 to 7 p.m. You will see a sign directing you toward the entrance. Proceeds from this Shop will be used to fund missions.

Broad Horizons Preschool is open and accepting students both full and part-time, for the fall session. To inquire and/or fill

out an application, go to the website at broadhorizonsbethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church is located at 18 Spear St., Quincy. The website is: bethanycongregational.org. Email address is: bethanycongregational@yahoo.com. Telephone number is: 617-479-7300.



ELLA GATES



THEA BANDZAK



TOM FORD



SOPHIA JOHNSON

QNQ Ski Team Competes In Second Race Of The Year

At Ragged Mountain

The varsity Quincy/North Quincy alpine race team had their second official race at Ragged Mountain on Jan. 28th.

The race included the Ski East League, which is comprised of 10 member schools and over 300 racers. The athletes participated in two Giant Slalom runs.

Standout junior Avery Abrahamovich posted 2 top 10 finishes, and placed 7th overall for women on the day. Freshmen athletes Sophia Johnston and Thea Bandzak had strong races placing as the respective next 2 top performers for the

QNQ team.

For the men, sophomore Aidan McCarthy posted the strongest finish on the day with two solid runs and sophomore Steele Smith was 2nd for the QNQ posting his personal best.

"This team is getting better each week," said Coach Erik Abrahamovich. "This has been a difficult winter snow wise, so getting in the runs and being able to compete at Ragged has been tremendous."

The QNQ roster consists of 25 racers from both Quincy High School and North Quincy High School. The

team includes senior captains Juila Gillespie, Cady Hansbury, Mattea Garrett, junior captain Avery Abrahamovich and Sophomore captain Max Gaudiano. The rest of the team includes: Thea Bandzak, Artiom Fernandez Correa, Jacquelyn Ferrara, Faye Fitzpatrick, Thomas Ford, Ella Gates, Brooklyn Geary, Chloe Lam, Aidan McCarthy, Lucy McLaughlin, Cassidy Plante, Steele Smith, Nina Smith, Matthew Wallace, Lito Breslin, Sophia Johnston, Henry Lebo, Anna Murphy, Aine ODonnell and Jack Reilly.

January 28, 2023

Giant Slalom

Ragged Mountain

Place	Girls Racers	Run 1	Run 2	Combo
7	Abrahamovich Avery* (NQ,Jr)	0:40.23	0:39.50	1:19.73
67	Johnston Sophia (Q,Fr)	0:53.21	0:52.23	1:45.44
82	ODonnell Aine (Q,Fr)	0:59.31	0:58.17	1:57.48
83	Bandzak Thea (NQ, Fr)	0:59.04	0:58.53	1:57.57
88	Garrett Mattea* (Q,Sr)	0:59.76	1:00.57	2:00.33
92	Geary Brooklyn (NQ,Jr)	1:06.19	1:01.87	2:08.06
93	Smith Nina (NQ, Jr)	1:02.13	1:05.99	2:08.12
94	Murphy Anna (Q, Fr)	1:12.36	1:00.06	2:12.42
	Gillespie Julia* (NQ,Sr)	DNF	0:56.96	NA

Place	Boys Racers	Run 1	Run 2	Combo
80	McCarthy Aidan (NQ, So)	0:53.98	0:51.72	1:45.70
85	Smith Steele (NQ, So)	0:53.99	0:53.61	1:47.60
96	Ford Tom (NQ, Jr)	0:56.62	0:58.46	1:55.08
101	Breslin Lito (Q, Jr)	0:59.93	0:59.09	1:59.02

* Captain

DQ (Disqualified)

DNS (Did not Start)

DNF (Did not Finish)

Quincy/North Quincy Girls' Hockey Bows To Marshfield

By TOM JOYCE

The Quincy/North Quincy High girls' hockey team faced a Patriot League opponent that has been heating up as of late.

QNQ had a road game against the Marshfield Rams

in the middle of the week. Marshfield enjoyed some offensive success in the contest. Ultimately, QNQ lost the Feb. 1st matchup at The Bog in Kingston, 5-1. With the loss, QNQ fell to 1-14-0 on the season. As of the start

of this week, Marshfield was on a four-game winning streak.

Marshfield struck first and never relinquished its lead in this one.

Marshfield netted the first goal of the game less

than one minute into it. The team found an opening and flipped the puck into the upper left side of the net, taking a 1-0 lead.

Later in the period, Marshfield doubled its lead. Marshfield took a 2-0 lead on a wrist shot that found the bottom right corner of the net. This goal came with 1:44 left in the first period.

Although Marshfield had the lead after one period, QNQ kept fighting.

QNQ reduced its deficit to one goal, 2-1, with 8:51 remaining in the second period. Sophomore forward Ciara Folan netted the team's lone goal of the contest. She found an opening on the left side of the net after the team won a faceoff in Marshfield territory; senior defender Maggie Dineen won the faceoff for the team, giving QNQ possession of the puck.

After this, it was a one-goal contest for much of the second period. However, Marshfield capitalized on a power play with less than two minutes in the second period. On the power play, Marshfield buried a second-chance scoring opportunity, taking a 3-1 lead.

QNQ was unable to make a comeback in the third period. Marshfield added two more goals in the final frame, making the final

score 5-1.

Marshfield took a 4-1 lead with 11:42 left to play; a Marshfield player received a pass out in front of the net and was able to bury her shot. Additionally, Marshfield found an opening on the left side of the net with 5:16 left to play; this was the final goal of the game for either team.

Although neither team scored in the final five minutes of the game, QNQ had a couple of strong shots on

the net. This included a shot from Dineen with 1:07 remaining. She tried to push the puck into the left side of Marshfield's net as she rushed down to the net, but Marshfield was able to make the stop.

With under a minute left to play, Marshfield ended up on another power play but did not score.

Last week's game against Marshfield was the only game QNQ played.

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QUINCY YOUTH HOCKEY ANNUAL MEETING



February 28, 2023

- 6:30pm -

@ Quincy Youth Arena
60 Murphy Memorial Drive

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AGENDA

- Financial update of QYH and QYA
- Quincy Youth Arena Update
- Quincy Youth Hockey Association Update
- Upcoming Season 2023/2024
- Nomination of Board Members for Quincy Youth Hockey Association
 - Three (3) seats up for re-election, each with 3-year term
 - Voting takes place during registration for the upcoming season
 - Term begins May 1st
 - If interested in being a member of the Board, the following is required:
 - Nomination by a third party required
 - The person nominating you must be present and the nomination must be seconded in person at this meeting (you, the person running for election, do not have to be present)
 - Following the nomination the person seeking election must submit in writing a statement of interest for confirmation prior to March 7, 2023
 - Send confirmation to administrator@qyha.net

• Q&A/Open Discussion

HS Hockey Halls Of Fame Induction Ceremony At Sons Of Italy Feb. 24

Quincy High School and North Quincy High School are proud to announce the next class of inductees into their respective school's Hockey Halls of Fame.

The combined ceremony will be held at the Quincy Sons of Italy on Friday, Feb. 24th. There will be a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner and the induction ceremony.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 617-653-1526, or you may Venmo Dennis Bertoni, @Dennis-Bertoni.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Feb. 17th. Cost is \$60 per person

and there will be no tickets available at the door.

The following will be inducted:

Quincy High School: Brian Nevins 1975, Doug Concannon 1983, Ted Walsh III 2008, Matt Giordani 2006, Derek Murphy 2011 and Joseph F. McConville Jr., as a friend of the program.

North Quincy High School: Richard S. Tapper 1983, Brian Beaton 1997, Timothy Duggan 2003, James Fitzpatrick 2007, Brandon Gilmore 2009 and Lorraine Rooney as a friend of the program.

North Quincy Girls' Basketball Falls To Pembroke

By TOM JOYCE

The North Quincy High girls' basketball team had a strong second-half performance last Friday night.

The Raiders outscored their opponent by nine points in the final two quarters of the contest. However, they were unable to make a comeback against the Pembroke Titans at home. The Raiders bowed, 43-34. With the loss, the Raiders fell to 4-12 on the season.

Although the margin of victory for Pembroke was in the single digits, the team had a dominant first half.

The Raiders tied the game at seven apiece in the first quarter. A deep two-pointer from senior guard and captain Marybeth Smith, plus a three-pointer

and a basket from junior forward and captain Ava Bryan (22 points) got the Raiders those seven points.

However, Pembroke pulled away in the final few minutes of the first. It had an 8-0 run where it sank two three-pointers and a layup.

Pembroke kept that momentum going in the second quarter. It outscored the Raiders by 10 points and went into halftime with a 29-11 lead — an 18-point advantage.

Pembroke played tough defense in the second quarter and enjoyed success shooting from outside range. Four of the team's five baskets in the second quarter were three-pointers; the other was a layup.

Meanwhile, Pembroke

held the Raiders to four points in the second quarter. Bryan scored all of them; this included a basket from around the free-throw line, and another shot taken closer to the basket.

In the second half, Pembroke was able to protect this lead. However, it did erode as the game progressed.

The Raiders played tough defense in the second half, limiting their opponent to four points in the third quarter. Those points for Pembroke came on a pair of free throws and a shot from two-point range.

The Raiders outscored their opponent 8-4 in the third quarter; six of those points came from a pair of three-pointers hit by Bryan.

Senior guard/forward and captain Bridget Capone hit two free throws, giving the team its other two points of the quarter. Neither team scored in the final two minutes of the third quarter.

Once again, the Raiders outscored their opponent in the fourth quarter. This time, the Raiders outscored Pembroke 14-10 thanks to an 8-0 run in the final three minutes of the game.

Junior guard Molly Toland shined from the free throw line during the run, hitting four shots on four attempts. Additionally, Bryan hit two layups on this run. Earlier in the fourth quarter, junior forward Jillian Jaehnig also contributed to the scoring sheet, hitting a deep two-pointer.

The game against Pem-

broke was the Raiders' second game last week. They also hosted the Scituate Sailors on Jan. 31; they bowed 48-36. Previously, the Raiders beat Scituate 59-41 back on Dec. 20. It was the team's first win of the season.

The Raiders have a mix of youth and experience this season, with four seniors on their roster.

The roster for the Raiders this season includes: junior guard Mary Saccoch, junior forward Jillian Jaehnig, senior guard/forward and captain Bridget Capone, senior forward Mia Pecevic, junior forward/center Autumn O'Campos, junior forward and captain Ava Bryan, junior guard Molly Toland, senior guard Kiera Murphy, junior forward Ava

McGrath, freshman guard Ella Lynch, freshman guard Maeghan Smith, freshman guard Harper Mergel, sophomore guard Iris Gjoka, senior guard Marybeth Smith, and junior forward/center Caroline O'Donnell. The team's head coach is Matt Ramponi, but Stephanie Geehan is serving as its interim head coach.

The next game for the Raiders is Friday, Feb. 10, at home against the Quincy Presidents 5 p.m.

The boys teams from Quincy and North Quincy will play at 7 p.m. Friday night at NQHS.

After the Quincy game, the Raiders only have one home game left this season. They host the Rockland Bulldogs Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.

Q/NQ Girls' Hockey

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QNQ has a mix of youth and experience on its roster this year but is on the younger side as far as high school hockey teams go. The team has more freshmen and eighth-graders combined (nine) than it does seniors (five).

The roster for QNQ this season includes: senior goaltender Hailey Concannon, sophomore forward Madeline Case, eighth-grade forward Mackenzie Ilacqua, freshman defender Siena Nichol, junior forward Caroline Snyder, sophomore forward Megan Caldwell,

sophomore forward Ciara Folan, freshman defender Lila Cook, eighth-grade forward Lucy Morkan, sophomore defender Ashlinn Folan, sophomore forward Maggie Webber, freshman goaltender Marissa Palmer, freshman defender Casey Perdios, eighth-grade forward Anna Greene, senior forward Maggie Dineen, freshman forward Emily Lim, senior forward Abigail Newton, senior forward Angel Bresnahan, and senior forward Katelyn Stirling. The team's head coach is Jeff Craig.

The next game for QNQ

will take place Saturday, Feb. 11, at home against the Hingham Harborwomen (8 p.m. start time). The two teams have not played each other yet this season.

After the Hingham game, QNQ only has one home game left this season. The final home game will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 15, against Plymouth. QNQ faced Plymouth on the road earlier this season on Jan. 7 and lost 5-0.

As of the start of this week, QNQ's lone win of the season had come against Scituate on Dec. 21; QNQ won that contest 5-2.

Interventionists Helping Elementary School Students Learn Math

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over the summer, Quinn noted the team moved into office space at Snug Harbor, a move she said has paid dividends.

"We have a common place for the team to plan together, and that has been a game changer. There is such a wealth of knowledge between these nine ladies and the office space allows them to collaborate," Quinn said.

"It can be challenging working in multiple schools and multiple grades and together they can strategize. If someone is trying to figure out the best math report to run, someone is there to help them. If they are looking for an activity for a particular grade, someone is there to give a suggestion. These women are specialists in their field, each having their

own individual strengths, so when they come together... there is no lack of strategies or suggestions."

Members of the School Committee thanked the interventionists for their work and said they appreciate the enthusiasm the team showed both during the presentation and the videos of them working with students.

"I love the passion everybody has for the job. You can just feel it," said Douglas Gutro. "It was very instructive, I think, for us to see the different creative techniques that you use at different levels... I think it's enormously beneficial to students."

Gutro asked if advanced students have access to math interventionists. Davis replied that the pull-out method provides the interven-

tionists with the flexibility to reach out to students who might want to go deeper in their learning.

Committee member Emily Lebo said the district was lucky to have the math interventionists in place.

"I think this is really going to serve us in getting our kids back on track and making sure they can fly in their education," she said. "I think it's just really great that you're doing it."

Committee member Paul Bregoli said he was happy to see how engaged the students were in the video clips shown during the meeting.

"It was really telling watching the kids' faces, how engaged they were, how happy they were to be there. They're all smiling," he said. "It was just refreshing to see that."

Lyracle Concert March 3 At UFPC

Lyracle will present "In Sweetest Sympathy" Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at United First Parish Church, 1306 Hancock St., Quincy Center.

In Sweetest Sympathy will showcase the lyra viol, complete with sympathetic strings, and provide a unique opportunity to hear two of the few such instruments in the world.

The term lyra viol describes a specific style of playing that developed in 17th century England as

well as a type of bass viol developed to support that style. Designed to facilitate chordal playing, the lyra viol was often used to accompany the voice. This program will explore vocal and instrumental repertoire for this fabulous instrument and its relationship to different contexts of 17th century music making within and beyond England. Experience the sound of the lyra viol and the voice, playing together in sweetest sympathy!

Lyra viol and Renaissance music specialist Sarah Mead joins Artistic Directors Ashley Mulcahy and James Perretta for this program.

The program runs about 75 minutes. Masks strongly encouraged.

Tickets are available at lyraclemusic.com/events. Cost is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

Learn more about Lyracle at lyraclemusic.com or on Facebook and Instagram at @lyraclemusic.

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OBITUARIES

Charles A. McDowell, 84

Charles Alan McDowell, 84 of Quincy MA passed away on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023. He was born in Portland Oregon and was the second child of Harry McDowell and Onilee (Wallace) McDowell. Charles or "Chuck" as his friends knew him migrated east to attend Yale University. After graduating from Yale in 1959 Chuck went on to volunteer for the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone in 1962. Upon returning to the United States he managed the Anti-Poverty Program and other political endeavors in New York City before settling in Boston to work at Cabot Corp. where he met his wife Debbie.

He leaves his son Matt, and his daughters Mandy and Kathleen, all of Quincy. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Patricia (McDowell) Eckerson and his loving wife of 40 years Debbie (Hubbard) McDowell.

Chuck was a true humanitarian at heart who genuinely cared to make a positive impact in this world through his volunteer efforts and political work. In addition to providing for his family he extended uncon-



CHARLES A. McDOWELL

ditional kindness to all animals, including the strays he rescued from the streets.

The loving care provided by Kathleen, Mandy and Matt enabled Chuck to live out his final years in the comfort of his home. The family is grateful for the care given by the first responders, doctors, nurses and staff at Beth Israel in Milton and Boston.

The family has chosen a private memorial. Friends might consider a donation to Chuck's favorite charity, the Quincy Animal Shelter at 440 E. Squantum St., Quincy, MA 02171.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel.

For online condolences please visit www.hamellydon.com.

Martin F. Joyce, 91

Martin Francis Joyce, of West Burlington, Iowa, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at the Klein Center in West Burlington, Iowa. He was 91.

Born in Boston on Oct. 18, 1931, he was the son of the late Martin Henry and Annie (Murray) Joyce. Martin was a retired sales representative for NovaCor in the plastics industry.

Beloved husband of the late Mary A. (Wallace) Joyce, who died on July 29, 2022. Devoted father of Martin W. Joyce and his wife Amy of Burlington, IA. Loving grandfather of Mary L., Martin Z. "Zach", and Ella C. Joyce, all of Burlington, IA. Dear brother of Barbara Joyce of Quincy.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to greet the family during visiting hours on Tuesday, Feb.



MARTIN F. JOYCE

7, 2023, 4-7 p.m. at Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, prior to the Funeral Mass at Divine Mercy Parish in St. Mary's Church, Quincy at 10:30 a.m.

Services will conclude with interment in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

See www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Gloria Marini, 92

Gloria (Pizzi) Marini, 92, passed away peacefully on Jan. 20th, surrounded by family at home.

Beloved wife of the late Edward Marini. Devoted mother of Pamela Pasquarosa, Weymouth, MA, Brian Marini and wife Christine, Fort Lauderdale FL, and the late Cheryl Marini. Sister of John Pizzi. Loving Nana to Jessica and Nicholas Pelletier, Nicholas Pasquarosa, and Ben Marini; and doting "GiGi" to her great-children, Audri, Max and Rilo. Gloria was a life-long resident of Quincy. She worked as a food services manager in the Quincy Public school system for many years. Gloria was an avid bowler and a great bridge player, she enjoyed traveling, but mostly enjoyed spending time with her family.



GLORIA MARINI

Services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For information and online condolences, please visit hamellydon.com.

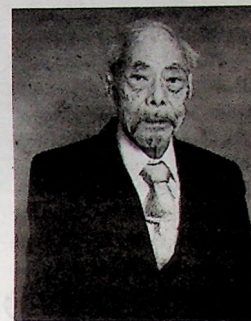
Wai Hung Chan, 85

Wai Hung Chan of Quincy, passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2023 at the age of 85, surrounded by his loving family.

Wai Hung was born on Sept. 15, 1937 in Xiudun village in Taishan, Guangdong, China. He immigrated to the United States from China in 1972 and has been a lifelong resident of Massachusetts. He worked hard as a Chinese restaurant chef to support his family. He had a kind soul and always put others before himself. He had a deep love for animals. He enjoyed spending his free time following current events, watching sports and Chinese opera, and drinking coffee with his brother and friends.

Wai Hung was preceded in death by his father, Lian De Chen, and mother, Cui Ye Deng.

Wai Hung is survived by his wife Linfun Chan (née Tse), his children Robert, Richard (Tina), and Millie, their cat Coco, his grandchildren Jasmine and Joshua, his brother Zhi Shang (Miao E) Chen, his sister



WAI HUNG CHAN

Bi Shan (Zhou Huan) Zhen, his brother Chu Jian (Ping Fang) Chen, and his sister Xiao Ping Chen, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand-nephews.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend Visiting hours on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hamel-Lydon Chapel at 650 Hancock St., Quincy, followed by the interment at Blue Hill Cemetery in Braintree, MA.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For more information or to leave online condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

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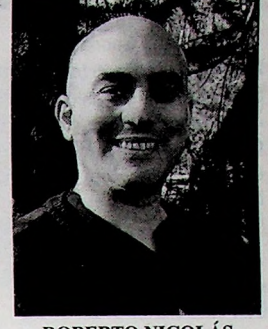
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Manet Community Health Center 2023 Officers, New Members

The Manet Community Health Center (Manet) Board of Directors has announced its slate of officers for 2023, welcomed two new members and approved a three-year strategic plan for the health center.

The Manet Board of Directors officers for 2023 include:

Quincy resident and Director of Administration, Finance and Leased Housing for the Quincy Housing Authority Grace Murphy-McAuliffe as president; Canton resident and retired IT professional Larry Flanagan as vice president; Quincy resident and attorney

Ivan Wong as secretary and Bob Griffin, of Quincy, retired attorney/partner of Krokidas & Bluestein, as treasurer.

New members joining the Board are Cochise Pearson, MD, of Foxboro, president of Ivy Scholars Success, and Roberto Nicolás Costa Carabajal, of Taunton, a peer tutor and academic mentor at Bristol Community College in Taunton, and Spanish/English interpreter with the International Institute of New England - Lowell.

"In my second year as Board President, I continue to be inspired by the work

accomplished every day at each Manet location to deliver quality, accessible and equitable care to patients while responding with adroit expertise to changing public health and community needs. It is my privilege to serve Manet in this role with a remarkable group of seasoned and new Board Members - a majority of whom are Manet patients - who aptly and sensitively represent the communities and patients Manet serves," Murphy-McAuliffe said.

In 2023, the Board of Directors remains guided by its mission to ensure quality, comprehensive health care

for all. With a newly minted three-year strategic plan as its roadmap, the Board will focus on seven strategic priorities: Health Information Technology Infrastructure; Service Excellence/Patient Experience; Workforce and Culture; 340B Program; Behavioral Health Expansion; and Strategic Partner Development and Investments and Expansions.

In addition to the officers and new members, members returning to the Manet Board are: Anne Bisson, retired Director of Department of Human Services and Council on Aging for the City of Taunton and

resident of Fall River; John Brothers, of Braintree, Senior Director of Workforce Development Strategy for the MA Biotechnology Education Foundation; Samantha Chen, of Quincy, business analyst for health-care systems at NTT DATA Services; Anita Christie, of Quincy, retired Director of Clinical Preventive Services, MA Department of Public Health; Zachary Eaton, of Quincy, Owner of Acton Auto Boutique; Neda Hovai, of Milton, Owner and Practicing Dentist at Lumiere Dental Spa in Quincy; Stephen Keches, East Walpole resident (formerly of

Quincy), Vice President of Supply Chain, Ambri, Inc.; Linda Kelly, of Quincy, Disabilities Advocate; Jane Kisieli, of Quincy, retired former Quincy Public Schools Coordinator of Health Services; Joseph M. Reardon, of Milton, Vice President for Community Development and Advance Planning at Keohane Funeral Home; Karen Ward, of Quincy, Regulatory Compliance Manager at Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute; Nancy Wrybek, of Hull, a retired nursing executive; and, non-voting board member, Cynthia Sierra, chief executive officer.

AAA: The Groundhog Says It's Time For Spring Break

The verdict is in: six more weeks of winter here in the Northeast, but have no fear, spring break is almost here!

The recent cold weather may have you thinking of planning a dream vacation to a warmer destination to escape winter and create a memorable experience. The experts at AAA Travel are also thinking about dream vacations, and have suggestions for all types of trips, especially during spring break.

According to AAA Northeast travel booking

data, the most popular destinations for spring 2023:

1. Florida theme parks and beach vacations
2. European river cruises and Caribbean cruises
3. European cities
4. Aruba
5. Punta Cana

For travelers looking for vacation packages with the best value, AAA travel advisors recommend all-inclusive packages. Anne Lischwe, Travel Sales Manager at AAA Northeast said, "Many travelers will ask if the advertisements are true, and everything is included

in all-inclusive travel packages. I love to highlight packages to warm destinations like the Dominican Republic and Mexico where families can escape for a quick getaway. These packages are as low as \$348 per person and include kid's clubs, so there are plenty of fun activities for children and parents can relax. Cruises also include food, drinks, and entertainment! Four-night Caribbean sailings start at \$244 per person and seven-night sailing start at \$328 per person!"

AAA Travel advisors

"top tips" for spring break travelers include:

1. Spring in Europe means fewer crowds and a strong dollar - why wait when you can go now!
2. For a culture-enriching travel experience with family or a group of friends, check out Club Adventures; these itineraries allow you to experience exotic destinations through a local lens in small groups!
3. Who goes to a theme park just once? Whether it'll be your first time, or it's an annual family adventure, remember that space is limited

now that families are comfortable traveling again, book before it's too late and use experienced "magic makers"!

4. Cruising is back and bigger than ever! Record-breaking sales plus bigger and bigger ships means you can enjoy such activities as Go carts, Waterslides, Roller Coasters, and Ziplining! And there are numerous types of cruises to choose from and allow travelers to experience different cultures and ports of call - while unpacking one time!

5. Protect your investment with travel insurance. flight delays and cancellations can come with unexpected expenses. Adding baggage insurance and covering non-refundable expenses is a wise choice.

A great tool to begin planning is AAA.com/TripCanvas. When you are ready to book, visit www.AAA.com/Travel to connect with expert travel advisors who specialize in removing the stress from vacation planning and maximizing value and memory-making!

Massachusetts Gas Prices Down One Cent

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down one cent from last week (\$3.43), averaging \$3.42 per gallon. Monday's price is eight cents higher than a month ago (\$3.34), and two cents lower than Feb. 6, 2022 (\$3.44). Massachusetts' average gas price is five cents lower than the national average.

The national average for a gallon of gas barely

budged over the past week, drifting lower by three cents to \$3.47. Last week's decision by OPEC+ to maintain current production levels and not make any cuts led to lower oil prices. But Friday's blockbuster U.S. report of 517,000 jobs added in January, dropping the unemployment rate to a 54-year low of 3.4 percent, may have the opposite effect. Are recession fears fading,

and could a healthier global economy lead to more demand for oil and higher prices?

"Keep an eye on the price of oil," said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast Vice President of Public and Government Affairs, "because oil currently accounts for nearly 60 percent of what we pay at the pump. And rising or falling oil prices can have a direct impact on motorists' wallets."

AAA Northeast's Feb. 6 survey of fuel prices found the current national average to be 3 cents lower than last week (\$3.50), averaging \$3.47 a gallon. Monday's national average price is 18 cents higher than a month ago (\$3.29), and is four cents higher than this day last year (\$3.43).

City To Host Presidents Day Winterfest Feb. 20

Events At Hancock-Adams Common, City Hall And United First Parish Church

Mayor Thomas Koch and the City of Quincy will host Presidents Day Winterfest 2023, a family-friendly holiday event, on Monday, Feb. 20.

The afternoon and early evening activities will take place from 2 to 7 p.m. in and around the Hancock Adams Common, 1305 Hancock St., under a heated tent as well as inside Quincy City Hall and the Church of the Presidents.

All events are free to the public.

Shows will include the Blue Hills Trailside Museum

Birds of Prey Show, Rainforest Reptile Show, Mad Science Fire and Ice Show, Ice Sculptures Demonstration by Ice Man Craig, Sasha the Fire Gypsy Fire Show. Performances include Brendan Ryan from NBC's The Voice, No Static, Steely Dan Tribute Band, Puppennickel Puppets Sir George and the Dragon Puppet Show and two Patriotic/Winter Laser Shows by Pinacle Laser Productions.

Some shows require free tickets to reserve your space in advance. Visit Eventbrite.com/e/481661180557. - Pa-

trons are welcome to reserve up to six tickets per themed show to allow multiple families to have access to each event.

Food is available for purchase throughout the event by Black's Creek BBQ, Hive, Coffee Break Café and The Whoopie Pie Wagon or at one of the City's downtown restaurants nearby.

For more information on this and upcoming events, follow the City of Quincy across social media and visit the City's website at quincy.ma.gov.



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Quincy Point Congregational Church Chili/Chowder Cookoff Sunday

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 12 at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St. at 10 a.m. Worship will be in-person and live streamed. The church is acces-

sible to all with designated parking and an elevator on the Abbey Road side of the church.

The second annual Chili/Chowder Cookoff will be on Feb. 12 after the 10 a.m. worship in the downstairs QPCC Social Hall.

Share that favorite family recipe or just enjoy testing and take your favorites home for the Superbowl.

A free will donation will be collected for the Quincy Point Firehouse Kitchen Upgrade Project; a way to say a thank you to the mem-

bers of our community who assist us every day. (Kitchen construction starting in February).

Sign up to help or to enter this friendly competition at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4fa4ae2da0f94-chili#/> or contact the church office at office@quincypointcong.org or 617-773-6424.

If you cannot be there but would like to make an online donation visit: <https://www.quincypointcong.org/donate>; there is a dropdown selection to donate to the Firehouse Kitchen Project

Then save the dates for Shrove Pancakes on Sunday, Feb. 19 and Ash Wednesday service of communion and imposition of ashes on Feb. 22 in the Baharian Chapel. Check out the worship services anytime on

the church website at www.quincypointcong.org, on the Quincy Point Congregational Church YouTube channel, or on the church Facebook page. Church services are also broadcast on Quincy Access Television at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Need help connecting? Contact the church office-information above.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO23P0064EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Kenneth P. Byndloss
Date of Death:
05/01/2000

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Diana Jones of Waltham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order, and, for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Diana Jones of Waltham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 03/01/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 24, 2023
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

2/9/23

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO23P0172EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:

Elizabeth Reavey
Date of Death:
05/26/2000

A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Francis X. Reavey of Quincy, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 03/01/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 26, 2023
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

2/9/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-22-108

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an **Open Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, on the application of JCBT Architect for a Variance/Finding to construct a second floor, an attic and an attached rear garage on the existing single family home in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Section 4.0 (Dimensional Regulations) on the premises numbered 23 MOUND STREET, QUINCY.

Plans and Specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

2/2/23, 2/9/23

Martin Aikens, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE STR 22-13

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an **Open Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, on the application of Qing Hua Pan for a Special Permit to operate a short-term rental in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Section 9.4 Special Permit on the premises numbered 80 BAXTER AVENUE, QUINCY.

Plans and Specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

2/2/23, 2/9/23

Martin Aikens, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE STR 23-1

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an **Open Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, on the application of Qiong Yang for a Special Permit to operate a short-term rental in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Section 9.4 Special Permit on the premises numbered 176 W ELM AVENUE, QUINCY.

Plans and Specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.viewpointcloud.com/>.

2/2/23, 2/9/23

Martin Aikens, Chairman

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works

Thomas P. Koch
Mayor

Alfred J. Grazioso
Commissioner

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Public Works for the City of Quincy, Massachusetts is seeking sealed bids for **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 2023 CONTRACT #2** until 11:00 a.m., local time **Thursday, February 23, 2023**, in the Office of the Purchasing Department, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The City of Quincy Massachusetts will accept sealed bids for the reclamation (full-depth), cold planing and surfacing of various roadways, including sidewalks and curbing. The estimated value of the contract is \$6,023,356.50. A 5% bid bond is required for the total value of the bid in the form of a bid bond or certified/treasurer's check. All work under this contract shall be substantially completed by November 1, 2023, and all work shall be ready for final pavement by November 15, 2023.

The Bidder **must** be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for Highway Construction.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and also available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Specifications will be available February 8, 2023.

The bidding and award of this contract shall be in full compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M, as last revised. All applicable Federal, State and City of Quincy regulations in relation to and subject to the minimum wage rates set under the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Law Chapter 149, §26 to 27H and/or any applicable federal rates. The City reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids when such an action is deemed in the best interests of the City.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch
Mayor

Kathryn R. Logan
Chief Procurement Officer

2/9/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-22-112

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an **Open Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, on the application of JCBT Architect for a Variance to demolish the existing two-car detached garage and rebuild an accessory structure with a two-car garage on the ground level and storage space above in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.3 Accessory Uses and Structures (Accessory Uses in the Residence Districts) on the premises numbered 95 W ELM AVENUE, QUINCY.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

2/2/23, 2/9/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-23-2

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the **Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals** as amended, an **Open Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, on the application of Patrick Foley, Esq. for a Variance/Finding to convert the existing two-family home into a three-family home in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.4.3 (Nonconforming Structures) 4.1 (Dimensional Requirements) 5.1.4 (Parking Setbacks) & 5.1.16 (Paving of Rear Yard) on the premises numbered 43 ROSELIN AVENUE, QUINCY.

Martin Aikens, Chairman

2/2/23, 2/9/23

Lunar New Year Festival Celebrates Year Of The Rabbit



THE 35TH ANNUAL Quincy Lunar New Year Festival presented by Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. was celebrated Sunday at North Quincy High School. Here attendees get an up-close visit by the Lion Dance, performed by 5 Elements Tai Chi during the opening ceremony.



BOSTON KOREAN DANCE Academy performs the Korean Janggo Drum Dance at the 35th annual Quincy Lunar New Year Festival. The festival celebrated the Year of the Rabbit with dances, cultural performances, arts and crafts, Asian food and drinks and a magician. More photos in the Feb. 16th issue of The Quincy Sun. Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman

Keenan: New Entity Should Oversee MBTA Safety

By SCOTT JACKSON

Issues on the MBTA's Red Line could be resolved once the transit agency is able to replace its fleet of train cars, Sen. John Keenan said in a recent interview.

The Quincy Democrat also said a new independent entity, not the Department of Public Utilities, should be responsible for overseeing safety on the MBTA and that the transit agency needs stable leadership.

The MBTA has contracted with CRRC, a Chinese-run company, to replace its entire fleet of Red and Orange Line cars. The company is assembling 404 cars at a plant in Springfield and has delivered 90 to date as work has fallen behind schedule.

When asked about the MBTA in a recent interview, Keenan, himself a frequent Red Line user, said those new cars, coupled with other improvements the T has made in recent years, would alleviate many of the day-to-day issues that riders are facing.

"A big part of that is the new cars have to be delivered. We haven't had a delivery of a new car since September despite what the contract says. The state has recently reached out to inquire as to what the status is. I think we have to do more than inquire and I think the governor is heading in that direction. More drastic steps have to be taken relative to the situation out in Springfield and the assembly of the vehicles," Keenan said. (At the same time Keenan was speaking to The Sun, Gov. Maura Healey announced she had hired outside experts to review the procurement of the new cars.)

"In hindsight, the state went with the lowest bidder and we're paying the price for that in delays," Keenan

added. "Other systems have had much faster procurements of cars than we've had, and those procurements have been with fewer issues in terms of putting them on the tracks, taking them off the tracks, safety concerns."

"Things are not going well with the new cars and were we to have the new cars, then I think many of the day-to-day issues would be resolved. They would be on train tracks that there has been significant investment in, there's been significant signalization work done, and with the new cars, the combination of those three would have resulted in much better service."

Headways, the interval between trains running along the line, could be reduced once the new cars are brought into service, Keenan said.

"Right now, headways at the Wollaston station can be nine minutes to as much as 20-plus minutes, and that's not uncommon," he said. "I have the ProximiT app so I'll time it from my house to the Wollaston station, and I know I can get there in nine minutes with two or three minutes to spare, but if I happen to miss the train — because the app is off or getting over there took a little longer — it could be 17 minutes before the next train."

"The goal had been, with the new trains and signalization and improved tracks, to get that headway between five and seven minutes, and we've gone the opposite direction the last several years."

To improve safety on the system, Keenan said a new independent entity should be responsible for overseeing the MBTA, not the DPU.

"In terms of safety, I think they have to remove safety oversight from the Department of Public Utili-

ties and come up with an independent oversight entity. What that looks like remains to be seen," Keenan said.

"I do have some concerns about gubernatorial appointments to such a committee or commission. I think it has to be as independent as possible and I just don't know what the right formula is for determining what the right make up of that board, committee or commission would be, but I think it has to be as independent as possible and have as many subject matter experts as possible. By that I mean safety experts as it relates to the MBTA and safety experts who have a good sense of what it means for track safety, vehicle safety, signalization safety, rider experience."

A search is currently underway to find the next general manager of the MBTA following the resignation of Steve Poflak, who left the agency in early January. Poflak was the MBTA's ninth general manager since 2010.

Keenan said stability at the top of the T is important moving forward.

"We have to make sure that we pick the right general manager and, if it's the right person, that there is a commitment to that person so that everyone who works for the MBTA knows there is going to be stability at the top of the organization," he said.

The repeated turnover in leadership is "just not conducive to long-term planning and good worker-administration relationships and implementation of the safety procedures and operational procedures that they need," Keenan said.

"It just doesn't work when you know that the general manager of the T could be gone in six months, eight months, 14 or 18

months," he said. "It doesn't give them the opportunity to implement the change that is needed or to build the relationships with staff that's needed."

The transit agency also needs to place more of an emphasis on safety, Keenan said.

"There has to be better emphasis on safety. There is an anonymous safety tip line that T employees can use to warn of safety issues. That to me suggests that culture has to change within the MBTA... Workers feel they cannot express concerns about safety up the ladder and that's a big issue," he said.

The transit agency also needs to do a better job of long-term planning and consider alternatives to subway service, Keenan said.

"We have to look at where we want our public transportation to be 20 to 25 years from now and really start aggressively planning for that," he said. "We just met with a group today that has experience all over the world, and they basically say the MBTA right now has a disjointed approach, that there is no cohesive, comprehensive vision of where they want to be 20 to 25 years from now and without that, it just keeps moving day to day without any real directional guidance. So, I think that has to be established."

"I think they have to look at alternatives to rail, and that would include ferry. The prior administration was not a fan of looking at ferry service. I think there is a role for it within our transportation network."

"In a broader sense, we've got to make sure our roads and bridges are maintained, which we will have some additional resources

to do that," Keenan added. "But we've got to make a decision, do we want to widen roads, which just increases the number of cars on the roads and creates more logjams when you've widened it up to this point but then you've got to get back to more narrow lanes... or do we want to make a balanced commitment to public transportation."

Last summer, the MBTA closed the Orange Line for a month, allowing the T to make repairs along the line quicker than would have been otherwise possible. Keenan said the MBTA is likely considering a full or partial closer of the Red Line for the same purpose.

"If you read between the lines on some of the things released by the MBTA, it's clearly under consideration," he stated.

The MBTA subways have one track running in each direction while other transit systems, like New York City's, have multiple tracks in the same direction, Keenan noted. That means there is a limited window for the T to make repairs following the end of service around 1 a.m. and the beginning of service around 5 a.m.

"Sometimes shutdowns are seen as a way to get a lot of work done quickly," he said. "That happened on the Orange Line."

"Immediately after the work was done, the Orange Line was slow. I went out to Oak Grove I think three days after the Orange Line opened up again. I went from Downtown Crossing, got on the Orange Line to see how it was and I went out to Oak Grove. It was a long ride out and long ride back. It has improved. There are some trackers to show you exactly where there are

slow spots.

"I can tell you on the Red Line in the last several months, it's definitely more noticeable that they are running the train at a slower rate in some areas. One area is just outside JFK/UMass and as you're coming out and you're in one of the older trains and you've picked up some speed, you hit this spot, and everybody on the train, you look at them and they're like 'woah, we almost went off the rails.'"

"We notified the T directly on it. That is an area they are now proceeding slowly through. I haven't experienced that bump in maybe a month or month and a half. But it's clear that some of the work has to be done. Sometimes complete shutdowns are unavoidable."

"We experienced it with the Wollaston train station, where we shut it down and that ended up going okay."

The Orange Line closure shows the MBTA can shut down a line without causing major headaches for commuters, provided the proper plans are in place beforehand, Keenan said.

"When the Orange Line closed down, it wasn't Armageddon. Yankee Bus did a really good job. The number of people using Blue Bikes increased dramatically. People got where they wanted to go. It wasn't the end of the world," he said. "The stations ended up being cleaner. A lot of the things that weren't paid attention to for a number of years were addressed, beyond the issues with the tracks and everything."

"It might have to happen (with the Red Line). Reading between the lines, I think they're keeping that option open, but there has been nothing definitively said as far as I know."

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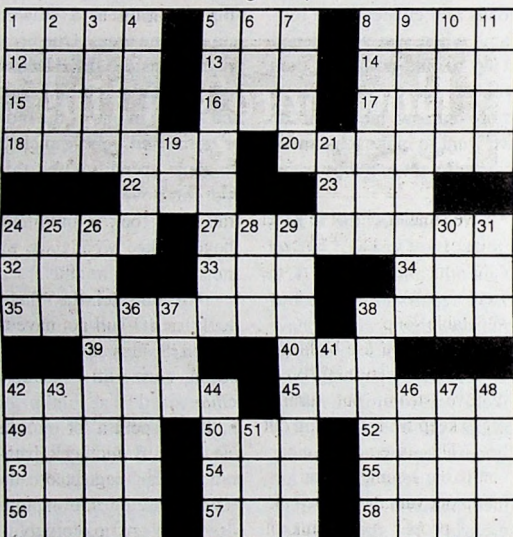
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ART: Where is the Prado Museum located?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?
4. MATH: What is another name for the division sign?
5. MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?
7. MOVIES: Which movie

features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?

8. LITERATURE: Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?
9. TELEVISION: What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?

Answers

1. Madrid, Spain.
2. Brazil.
3. Time flies.
4. Obelus.
5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.
6. About 50 times.
7. "Home Alone."
8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
9. "How you doin'?"
10. Outer ear.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member could make contact as well.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped into your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time, to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers to your questions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
A legal matter you hoped would finally be settled

could be a pesky problem for a while until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So, be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem causing you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming and turn them into successful ventures.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals K

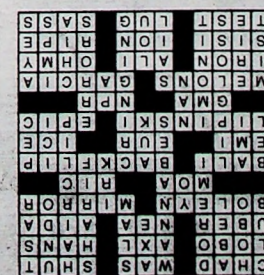
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QDR BNHZLU!"

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King Crossword

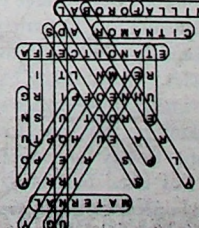
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



CryptoQuip

answer

are coming
probably say "The British
have been dispatched, I would
if I knew some cruel folks

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – Sounds like “Magic Mike’s Last Dance,” opening Feb. 23, will be unlike the first two “Magic Mike” films. Channing Tatum, now pushing 43, will be dancing, but so far, no word if the other male dancers (Joe Manganiello, Matt Bomer and Adam Rodriguez) from the first two films, will be back. The film was shot in London and also stars Salma Hayek Pinault. What’s more interesting is the fact that Tatum has acquired the rights to the Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore 1990 film “Ghost,” which won Oscars for Whoopi Goldberg as Best Supporting Actress and for Bruce Joel Rubin’s screenplay. The film cost \$23 million and grossed \$505.7 million. Tatum plans to rework the story and will not have Goldberg – good luck with that. Tatum, who has started making pottery, said, “Now I know why they put [pottery-making] in ‘Ghost.’ This whole process is very, very sexual.” Pottery...what?

On the heels of the unsuccessful Whitney Houston biopic “I Wanna Dance With Somebody” (with a budget of \$45 million, it has only grossed \$56.4, which doesn’t cover publicity costs) comes word of a planned Michael Jackson biopic from Lionsgate and Graham King, who produced the Queen biopic “Bohemian Rhapsody.” The film, called “Michael,” will cover Jackson’s childhood, leading up to his 13 Grammy wins and finishing with his demise in 2009 at the age of 50. Could it be a coin-

cidence that this project was announced three days after the death of Jackson’s former wife, Lisa Marie Presley? Graham King is also planning a biopic of the Bee Gees.

How long is “long enough” for someone accused during the #MeToo movement to stop being ostracized? In October 2017, actor Anthony Rapp alleged Kevin Spacey made sexual advances toward him when he was 14 and when Spacey was 26. In 2020, Rapp sued Spacey for sexual assault, sexual battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Fifteen others came forward as well, expressing similar abuse they suffered. So, in 2017, Spacey was completely cut out of “All the Money in the World,” and his scenes were reshot with Christopher Plummer instead. Not being able to work in the U.S., Spacey went to London and was given a supporting role in “The Man Who Drew God,” directed by Franco Nero. Vanessa Redgrave, cast before Spacey, dropped out of the film, even though her husband (Nero) was directing. Spacey then returned to California for the film, “Peter Five Eight,” with Rebecca De Mornay, where he plays a serial killer in the film. He was also recently cast in the docudrama “Once Upon a Time in Croatia.” But here’s the topper...Italy’s National Museum of Cinema in Turin presented him with their highest honor, the Stella Della Mole Award for Lifetime Achievement. Looks like it’s been long enough...

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	x		+		10
+		x		x	
	-		x		6
÷		-		-	
	+		÷		3
3		3		2	

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Trompe L’oeil – The term “trompe l’oeil,” meaning “fool the eye,” is an art style that was popular in the 19th century. By then, artists and audiences had enjoyed optical illusions for thousands of years. The original trompe l’oeil style dates back much further.

An ancient Greek story tells of the legendary painter Zeuxis, whose still-life paintings were so realistic that birds would fly down to peck the grapes. Another painter, Parrhasius, challenged him to a contest and showed him a painting covered by curtains. When Zeuxis tried to pull the curtains back, he realized that they were, in fact, part of the painting! This made Parrhasius the winner of the contest.

The set of shelves shown here looks like it is filled with books and figures, but it’s a trompe l’oeil screen! The shelves and their contents are printed on wood panels. It’s a creation by Piero Fornasetti, an Italian designer who worked from 1935 to the 1980s. He brought his skill and sense of humor to furniture, ceramics and more. His work often included optical illusions or realistically detailed images in surreal compositions. The screen sold for \$9,100 at Palm Beach Modern Auctions in Florida.

Q: We found a painted bench at an antique shop that was in excellent condition except for a piece of chewing gum stuck under the seat. What is a good way to remove gum without damaging the furniture?

A: Place an ice cube in a plastic bag and hold it against the gum. After the gum freezes solid, use a plastic credit card or spatula to scrape it off. You can hit large pieces with a hammer to break them off. Remove any sticky traces with lemon juice. Avoid using commercial solvents. They can damage antique furniture.

TIP: Be very careful when using glue or other sticky products. If old glue, paste, scotch tape or even stick-on notes are left on paper items, stains will eventually appear. Most cannot be removed.

CURRENT PRICES

•Coca-Cola toy, trailer, die-cast metal, red, white lettering, It’s The Real Thing, pallets with green bottles, Buddy L, box, 1976, \$50.

• Purse, art nouveau style, silver mesh, ring shape, silver frame, curving shape, hammered finish, three keshi pearls, chataleine style belt hook, chain strap, c. 1900, 10 x 4 1/2 inches, \$300.

• Copper vase, Glasgow School, square base, hammered ground, large stylized repousse flower on each side, closed handles at corners, ruffled rim, Arts & Crafts, 6 1/2 x 2 3/4 inches, \$500.

• Fire screen, pine board, cutout, urn with flowers, painted, multicolor, molded rectangular base, Continental, 19th century, 43 x 30 x 9 inches, \$720.

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Strange BUT TRUE

• A Calvin and Hobbes comic from 1992 referred to the start of the universe as the “Horrendous Space Kabloolie” because they thought “The Big Bang” was too boring.

• When a man noticed that his food supply was mysteriously diminishing he set up a webcam, only to discover that a woman had been living in one of his closets – for a year!

• The cable car is the only moving National Historic Monument in the world.

• During Spain’s colonial period, the builders of Filipino churches used millions of egg whites in the mortar to make the structures more durable. This also accounts for why Filipino desserts often use lots of eggs: Many of the recipes were developed to use up all those leftover yolks.

• In 2013, Belgium created five limited edition stamps that smelled and tasted like chocolate.

• A service operated in several Chinese cities that we’d like to see replicated in America is that of “jam busting.” Drivers stuck in traffic snarl up who urgently need to be somewhere make a phone call and two people show up on a motorbike. While one stays with the driver’s car, the other transports the frustrated driver to their destination.

• According to the American Kennel Club, dogs will fake a sneeze for play and communication purposes.

• Iceland has the largest population of green-eyed people in the world.

• Modern negligence law resulted from a 1932 Scottish court case, Donoghue v. Stevenson, aka the “Snail in the Bottle” case, in which Mrs. May Donoghue sued beer manufacturer Mr. David Stevenson after she drank a bottle of ginger beer with a dead snail in it and became ill.

Thought for the Day: “History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.” – Maya Angelou

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• Save smaller bits of leftover veggies in a large freezer-safe container or bag, in the freezer. When it’s full, make vegetable soup.

• “Be sure you use bathroom fans correctly, turning on to remove steam, but turning off to keep from pumping out heat. This is equally important in the summer, when you pump out valuable cooled air. Many people don’t think of fans this way, and they end up running for hours.” – R.D. in Mississippi

• Keep salt or baking soda by the stove for small quick cleanups. A good dose of salt will stop an egg from running all over the place. Dip a damp cloth in baking soda for a handy scrub. Although a handful of either might work in a pinch on a small flare-up on the stove, you should have a fire extinguisher close by for fires.

• “I used to comb through my last year’s calendar for important yearly dates when transferring them to the new year’s calendar. This year I have gotten smart. At the end of

the month, before turning the page, I have highlighted the items I would want to put in next year’s calendar. When I look back, I will not have to search through all the entries for the good stuff.” – U.L. in Ohio

• “I just spent a lot of time cleaning my mother’s bathtub in a long-neglected bathroom. To keep it from mildewing, I used paste wax to protect the walls. You can use car wax for the same purpose, and many people know about this helpful tip. But I wanted to add a caution: walls only. Especially if you have an elderly resident (or a child), do not wax the inside of the tub, and make sure to have a nonslip mat in the tub at all times.” – A daughter in Oregon

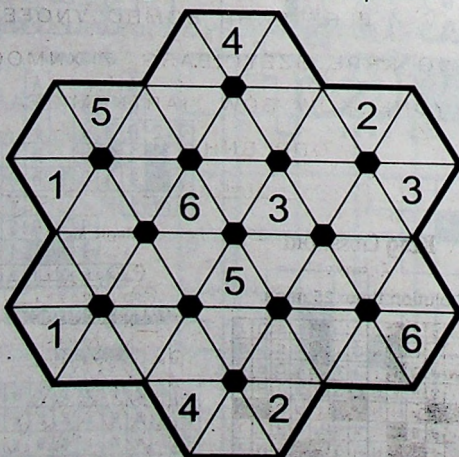
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

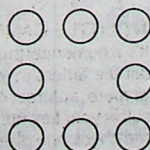
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

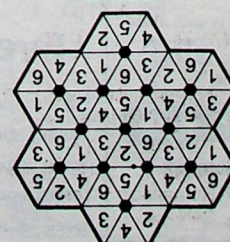
Below is a square formed by using eight pennies. Using the same number of pennies, can you create a square that is four by four?



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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure! answers

2	3	3
3	4	6
-	-	÷
9	2	5
x	x	+
10	3	7

Stickelers Answer

Simply place four pennies on top of the other four, and you’ve created a square that is four by four.

Super Crossword

ALLOW TO
BE ADDED

ACROSS

- 1 "Sch." for "school," e.g.
- 5 "My stars!"
- 11 Source of poi
- 15 Baseballer Ty
- 19 "Don't stop!"
- 20 Foray
- 21 State firmly
- 22 Voiced
- 23 Put on some wrist jewelry?
- 26 Actress Foch
- 27 Connect for use, to Brits
- 28 With
- 86 Across, China's place
- 29 Haunting
- 30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.
- 31 Greek fabulist
- 32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?
- 35 — Valley, San Francisco
- 36 Disney frame
- 37 FedEx rival
- 38 Layers
- 39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?
- 44 Striped feline
- 47 "And others," in footnotes
- 48 Mine of "Dino"
- 49 Steer snarer
- 51 Re

DOWN

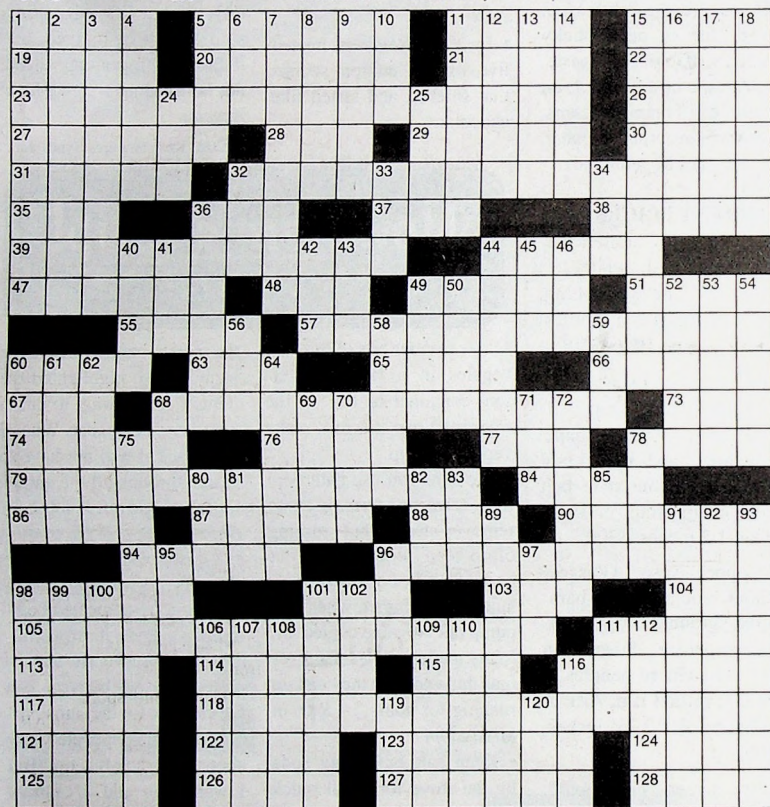
- 55 Home of Taj Mahal
- 57 Extra
- 60 Wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?
- 63 "Hulk"
- 65 Blind as —
- 66 Earp of the O.K. Corral
- 67 Sound of wonderment
- 68 Bright red Kleenex?
- 73 Foot part
- 74 Cause, as havoc
- 76 City in Kansas
- 77 Time on end
- 78 Bison group
- 79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?
- 84 — gin fizz
- 86 See
- 28 Across
- 87 Gamma follower
- 88 Just so-so
- 90 Warship fleet
- 94 Test, as ore
- 96 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?
- 98 Oak nut
- 101 Letter before dee

ACROSS

- 2 Validated, as a claim
- 3 Period of Model T's
- 4 Right-hand book page
- 5 Pickle choice
- 6 Ending with ethyl
- 7 Many indie movies
- 8 Like queens
- 9 New Zealand native
- 10 Univ. URL ending
- 11 Gunlike stunners
- 12 Animator Tex
- 13 Saintly article
- 14 — ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)
- 15 Nefarious group plot
- 16 Bobolink's kin
- 17 Big headline
- 18 Explosions
- 24 "The Raven" poet's initials
- 25 Gather in
- 32 "— culpa"
- 33 Boy pharaoh
- 34 4x4, in brief
- 36 Jacques of France
- 40 Panache
- 41 Use a shovel
- 42 Vegas lead-in
- 43 Wallach of "Firepower"
- 44 African fly

DOWN

- 45 Suffix with organ
- 46 Mass of mayo, say
- 49 Pride parade letters
- 50 Jai —
- 52 Glide on ice
- 53 Teach privately
- 54 Decided (to)
- 56 Actress Ortiz
- 58 Of birth
- 59 Astonishment
- 60 "Fame" vocalist David
- 61 Major artery
- 62 Ostrichlike birds
- 64 Horrific
- 68 Glide on snow
- 69 Uncouth guy
- 70 Napoleon's exile life
- 71 "He-e-elp!"
- 72 Loosen, as a shoe
- 75 Decorative church screen
- 78 Cannabis fiber
- 80 Paid promos
- 81 Tch'r.'s org.
- 82 Comic
- 83 Phone no.
- 85 "... man — mouse?"
- 89 Clairrol products



celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: Will there ever be another season of "Lucifer"? If not, is the lead actor going to be in anything else? I really enjoyed him. — P.J.

A: "Lucifer," starring Tom Ellis, was picked up by Netflix after it was canceled by Fox after three seasons. It was wildly popular on the streaming service and ended up surviving three more seasons, but a seventh is not in the works. Ellis has two upcoming projects on Hulu. The first is "Washington Black," with Sterling K. Brown ("This Is Us"), which is a limited series about a young boy living on a 19th century sugar plantation. Ellis will play an eccentric inventor. He also just signed on for another upcoming series on Hulu with Emma Roberts ("American Horror Story"), a romantic dramedy titled "Second Wife."

Q: Whatever happened to romantic comedies? I miss the movies that starred Meg Ryan, Julia Roberts or Sandra Bullock with a leading man. — A.L.

A: Your best bet for romantic movies are during the months of February and December, but they're mostly on television. However, with the recent box-office success of "Ticket to Paradise," which starred Julia

Roberts and George Clooney, you could be seeing more rom-coms at the local moviehouse. This month, on the small screen, there are several movies that might appeal to you, such as "Sweeter Than Chocolate," which premiered on the Hallmark Channel on Feb. 4. It's about a local chocolatier rumored to have the recipe for true love, and it stars Eloise Mumford ("Chicago Fire") and Dan Jeannotte ("The Bold Type"). Over on Netflix, Reese Witherspoon and Ashton Kutcher star in "Your Place or Mine," which focuses on two friends who swap homes for a week. Currently, on Amazon Prime Video, you can stream Jennifer Lopez and Josh Duhamel's "Shotgun Wedding," which isn't your typical light-hearted rom-com — it's also an action thriller.

As for Meg Ryan, she's returning to her roots in her upcoming film "What Happens Later," in which she not only stars but also directs. Ryan plays Willa to David Duchovny's ("The X-Files") Bill; they're former lovers who meet for the first time in years while stranded overnight at the same airport. An official release date hasn't been announced, but expect to see it in theaters sometime this year.

Q: My nephew wants to work in the film industry, but doesn't want to move too far from family. I told him that many shows are filmed in Georgia. Where can we find a list of them? — P.A.

A: Yes, it used to be that you had to live in Los Angeles,



Tom Ellis in "Lucifer"

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John P. Fleenor/Netflix

New York or Chicago if you wanted to work in the television and film industry. Now, a few more geographical options are available, like Vancouver, Canada, and Atlanta. Prolific writer and producer Tyler Perry even opened his own studio lot in Atlanta, helping to contribute to the billions of dollars in revenue that the entertainment industry has brought to the state. Other shows that film in Georgia include Netflix's "Stranger Things," AMC's "Fear the Walking Dead" and ABC's "Will Trent."

A good resource is the website www.georgia.org/industries/film-entertainment/georgia-film-tv-production.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

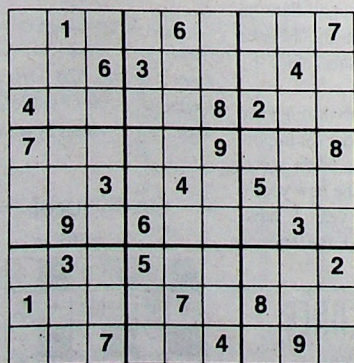
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. School assignment | _____ O _____ | Diminish | _____ E _____ |
| 2. Fire starter | _____ N _____ | Bat one's eyes | _____ R _____ |
| 3. 90 degrees, e.g. | _____ G _____ | Lower leg joint | _____ K _____ |
| 4. Recoil | C _____ | Frilly edging | F _____ |
| 5. Investigate | _____ B _____ | Writing style | _____ S _____ |
| 6. Fireplace | _____ R _____ | Physical well-being | _____ L _____ |
| 7. Take the lead | _____ D _____ | Pretext | _____ S _____ |
| 8. Hair stylist | _____ B _____ | Trade | _____ T _____ |
| 9. Actress Day | _____ I _____ | College rooms | _____ M _____ |
| 10. Of the ear | _____ O _____ | Financial investigation | _____ T _____ |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

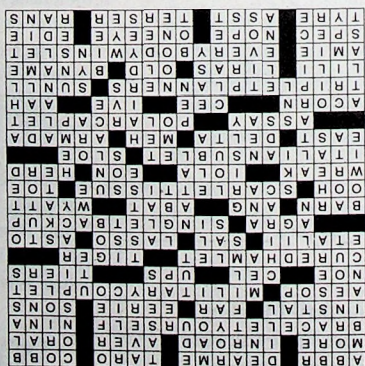
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers



Even Exchange answers

1. Lesson, Lesson
2. Flint, Flint
3. Angle, Ankle
4. Cringe, Fringe
5. Probe, Prose
6. Hearth, Health
7. Guide, Guise
8. Barber, Barter
9. Dots, Dorms
10. Audio, Audit

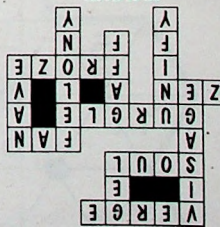


- ENZ
IGAVES
EGVRE
AFGF
♥RULEGG
NFA
OLUS
ZOFR
♥EGL
YENFLO
FINYU
♥EVNA

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



answer



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

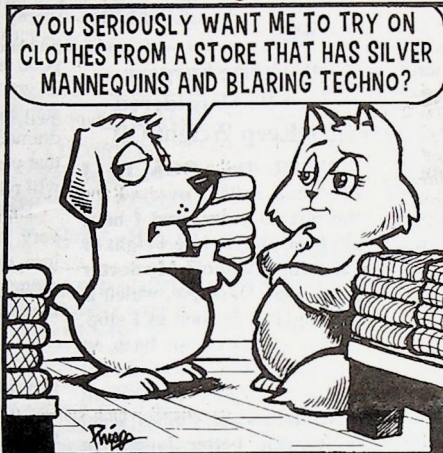
Americanisms



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Can My Cat Catch a Cold From Us?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This winter, a lot of my family has had colds and flu. Can my cat catch a cold from us?

— Darlene, via email

DEAR DARLENE: Cats don't catch colds directly from humans, but they can suffer from upper respiratory infections that are just as uncomfortable.

A number of viral and bacterial infections can make your cat sick. Some of these, such as FVR (feline rhinotracheitis) and FVC (feline calicivirus) can be prevented by making sure your cat gets an annual checkup and vaccinations. An underlying health condition also can make your cat more susceptible to upper respiratory infections. Again, regular checkups and shots can keep it

healthy.

What symptoms does a cat with a URI have? It may be sniffing and sneezing, along with a clear or cloudy discharge from the eyes or nose. Your cat also may have little to no appetite and might be lethargic.

Contact the veterinarian right away if your cat has any of these symptoms. The vet will want to examine your cat to confirm what kind of URI it has. Use a cat carrier so other cats in the waiting room won't be exposed, and to keep your cat safe.

Follow the vet's instructions on caring for your sick cat. You may be given a prescription, and you will be asked to keep the cat comfortable and warm, and to try to get it to drink water and eat some food. Dry food may be a turnoff, but it may eat a little wet food. If your cat won't eat or drink, contact the vet again -- an IV may be needed to keep it hydrated.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

ready

beaks

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Loyola Marymount Lions basketball star was selected eighth overall by the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round of the 1990 NBA Draft?

2. First baseman Mo Vaughn was named American League MVP in 1995 as a member of what team?

3. The Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy is the top individual award presented in what sport?

4. Name the music superstar who was fatally shot hours after attending the 1996 Bruce Seldon-Mike Tyson heavy-weight boxing match in Las Vegas.

Vegas.

5. Spike Dykes compiled an 82-67-1 record as head coach of what college football team from 1986-99?

6. What iconic sports venue first hosted the NASCAR Clash preseason exhibition race in February 2022?

7. What Basketball Hall of Famer played baseball in the Negro leagues before joining the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team in 1942?

Answers

- Bo Kimble.
- The Boston Red Sox.
- Cricket.
- Tupac Shakur.
- The Texas Tech Red Raiders.
- The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.
- Reece "Goose" Tatum.

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WORD LADDER

Answer

LEADS, LEAKS, BEAKS, READY, HEADY, HEADS,

SCRAMBLERS

solution

TONGUE

Today's Word

1. Rotten
2. Benign
3. Protest
4. Faculty

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Bad
TORENT

Good
BINGEN

Object
SPOTTER

Staff
CLAYFUT

TODAY'S WORD

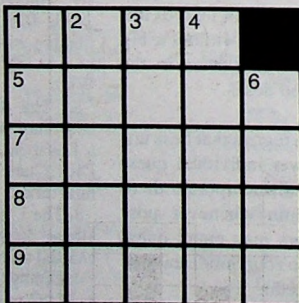


"I believe you may have sprained your _____!"

Micro Crossword By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 "Light My Fire" singer/guitarist Feliciano
- 5 "___ Day's Night" (Beatles hit)
- 7 Inuit shelter
- 8 Auto dealership offer, sometimes
- 9 Passover meal



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Down

- 1 Lockups
- 2 "My stars!"

- 3 Caesar or Waldorf
- 4 Jagged, as a leaf
- 6 Action figure?

STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of February 13, 2023

ON NOW: "Wakanda Forever" (PG-13) — Disney+

ON NOW: "Love Is Blind: After the Altar" (Season 3) — Netflix

ON NOW: "Swiss Army Man" (R) — HBO Max

ON NOW: "Star Wars: The Bad Batch" (Season 2) — Disney+

14-Feb: "Perfect Match" (Season 1) — Netflix

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15-Feb: "Cocomelon" (Season 7) — Netflix

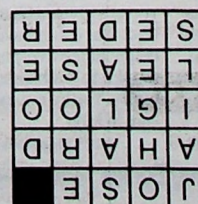
16-Feb: "The Upshaws: Part 3" — Netflix

17-Feb: "Hello Tomorrow!" (Season 1) — AppleTV+

17-Feb: "Sharper" — AppleTV+

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Micro Crossword Answer



MORE SUN FUN

COUCH THEATER

BY
DEMI
TAVERAS

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" (PG-13) — The sequel to "Black Panther" (2018) hit theaters in the U.S. last November, two years after the tragic and shocking death of Chadwick Boseman, who played the titular character. Since Marvel Studios chose to retire the character of King T'Challa with Boseman's death, the sequel starts with the king succumbing to an illness. One year after his death, Wakanda is now being threatened by nations around the world attempting to steal their vibranium — their most precious element, which they refuse to share. This creates great tension for the citizens of Wakanda, as they're still in the process of building their country back up after the loss of their Black Panther. Angela Bassett recently earned a Golden Globe for her portrayal of Queen Ramonda, as well as an Oscar nomination. This makes Bassett the first Marvel actor to receive a nomination from the Academy. "Wakanda Forever" is out now. (Disney+)

"Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile" (PG) — Eighteen months after magician Hector P. Valenti (Javier Bardem) loses his New York home and leaves his singing crocodile, Lyle, in the attic, the Primm family moves in. Josh, the Primms' son, discovers Lyle in the attic and easily starts to befriend the crocodile, who can sing beautifully but can't speak. Mr. and Mrs. Primm aren't the happiest to find out about the talented, yet large reptile living in their new home, but Lyle seems to bring out the best in the Primms and starts to become a member of their family. A film adaptation of the chil-

dren's story by Bernard Waber, this goofy musical-comedy has lots of feel-good vibes that no doubt made it a success in the box office last year. Popstar Shawn Mendes stars as Lyle in the film, out now on streaming. (Netflix)



Courtesy of Marvel
Angela Bassett earned a Golden Globe and an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of Queen Ramonda in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

"Somebody I Used to Know" (R) — On Feb. 10, the second directorial project from Dave Franco ("21 Jump Street" and "Neighbors") reaches Prime Video. Franco's wife, Alison Brie ("Community"), stars as Ally, a workaholic who decides to make a trip back to her hometown. While at a bar, Ally runs into her ex-boyfriend, Sean (Jay Ellis), and the two reconnect and make up for lost time. Almost as if she's retracing the steps of her past, Ally starts to wonder if she made the right decision by leaving her hometown all those years ago. Even after she accidentally crashes Sean's engagement dinner to his fiancée, Cassidy, Ally feels a pull to stay, as Cassidy reminds her of herself when she was younger. Kiersey Clemons, Danny Pudi and Haley Joel Osment also star in this heartfelt romantic comedy about trying to find newfound freedom well into adulthood. (Prime Video)

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Contract Bridge

'TIS BETTER TO RECEIVE
THAN TO GIVE

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 5 4
♥ J 8 6
♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ A J

WEST

♠ J 9 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 8
♥ A K 10 9 5 3
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 10 4

SOUTH

♠ A K 10 7 6 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 8
♣ K Q 8 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	2♥
2♣	Pass	4♠	

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the queen and another heart. East wins the second heart with the king and continues with the ace. This presents you with a thorny problem of sorts, since it is virtually certain from the bidding and play that West started with a doubleton heart.

If you ruff the third heart with the

ten, you say to yourself, and West is able to overruff with the jack, you are sure to go down. If you decide to ruff with the king instead, you run the risk that West might have started with three trumps to the jack, in which case you will also go down.

But if your thoughts have been running in only these two channels — which card to ruff with — you are not giving yourself a fair shake. The fact is that you should not ruff at all! Instead, you should discard your eight of diamonds.

This discard changes the complexion of the situation completely. In the actual case, you have no trouble taking the rest of the tricks, whatever East plays next.

It is true that East could have defeated the contract had he been smart enough to cash the ace of diamonds before he played the ace of hearts. In that case, you would have to go down one as the cards lie regardless of which card you elected to ruff with.

The moral that emerges is clear. If you are given a chance to make a contract that could have been defeated by better defensive play, you should try to take full advantage of your opportunity. You're not expected to reciprocate in kind.

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by Steve Becker

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

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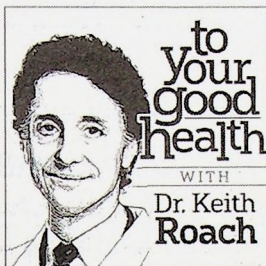
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X I B U J T U I F D B Q J U B M P G

G S B O D F ?

U I F M F U U F S "G."

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Bariatric Surgery Can Be Considered To Keep Weight Off

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have had a BMI over 40 for the last 20 years, and I have not been able to lose weight or keep the weight off. My doctor prescribed Ozempic, which is helping, but as soon as I stop, all the weight creeps back on in a few weeks. I was always wary of surgery for weight loss, but recent studies seem to indicate better long-term health outcomes. What are your thoughts? -- S.O.

ANSWER: Medical or surgical treatment for weight loss is not right for every person who is overweight. Many people take medications in the class called glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists, which includes semaglutide (Ozempic and Wegovy), liraglutide (Saxenda and Victoza) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro). But these medicines have the potential for harm, and an individual's risks, especially conditions that can be affected by being severely overweight or obese, need to be carefully considered.

Surgery has far more risks than medication and requires the most careful consideration before receiving a recommendation of bariatric surgery, of which there are many types.

I am much more likely to refer a patient to one of my colleagues in bariatric surgery when a patient is very obese and when there are clear medical issues that I can expect to get better with surgery. These medical issues can include diabetes, obstructive sleep apnea, or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. Most of the time, these conditions can be well-managed without bariatric surgery, but sometimes management is very difficult. In this case, consideration of bariatric surgery is worthwhile.

Bariatric surgery is never the first choice in weight management. A comprehensive lifestyle intervention -- with an individualized diet (ideally recommended by an expert such as a registered dietician or nutrition-

ist), moderate exercise (with a goal of 150 minutes per week minimum), and regular meetings to help keep a person on track -- is the right place to start. It is effective for many people if they maintain the behavioral changes.

I have been prescribing some of my patients with the GLP-1 or GLP-1/GIP medications with good results, but as you mention, if you stop taking them, they stop working. Unless you make a dramatic change to your lifestyle that you can keep up, the weight will return.

Bariatric surgery does have very strong long-term weight-loss data, as well as dramatic reductions in diabetes when used for the appropriate people.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My shoulder pain seems to be getting worse (lack of cartilage), and it is interfering with sleep. I haven't taken any pain medication for it, but I read that the best relief is from either aspirin or ibuprofen. I'd like to switch them back and forth -- maybe two to three days with aspirin, then one day with ibuprofen (the most I can tolerate being 200 to 300 mg a day).

How much aspirin is OK to use in this way? -- J.B.

ANSWER: I recommend against the combination of a medicine like ibuprofen (or naproxen, like Aleve) and aspirin. They have similar toxicities and work nearly in the same way, so you don't get much more, if any, pain relief and instead increase the risk of kidney and stomach damage.

The combination of aspirin or an anti-inflammatory drug like ibuprofen with the drug acetaminophen (Tylenol) is commonly used and can lead to improved pain relief without a big toxicity risk when taken in the recommended doses.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

The letter "F."

France?

What is the capital of

Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles

Lowering Our Drug Costs

I got a shock the other day when I went to the pharmacy to pick up the latest refill of my three drugs and realized that the pharmacy assistant had neglected to run it through GoodRx, the program that helps reduce the price of our drugs. Once he did that, the cost dropped significantly.

It made me realize just how much other seniors are paying for the drugs we need to stay healthy. There are ways to cut those costs. It just takes a little work and a lot of monitoring on our part to make sure it happens.

As mentioned, there's GoodRx (www.goodrx.com), which I've used for several years. Their website isn't the easiest to use, but after you try it once, you'll appreciate being able to cut the costs of your drugs every time you need a refill.

There are other ways as well: RxAssist (www.rxassist.org) has programs that are run by the pharmaceutical companies to help those who can't afford their prescriptions. If your drugs cost more than \$10, present your RxAssist card to get the lowest price. Check the website for a long directory of patient assistance programs. Beware that some programs involve a small fee to be a member and many have eligibility requirements.

Consider Walmart pharmacies for their generic program. A 30-day prescription will cost \$4 and only \$10 for a 90-day prescription. Not all generic drugs will qualify for those prices, but it's worth making a call to your local Walmart pharmacy to find out if your drugs are on that list.

NeedyMeds website (www.needy meds.org) was started by a physician in 1997 to help gather information about reduced drug and health care costs. The website says over \$337 million has been saved so far.

And finally, check the prices at Mark Cuban's Cost Plus Drugs (costplusdrugs.com). For some drugs, this one is the lowest of all.

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1. Which group released "Takin' Care of Business"?
2. Who were Marisa, Merlina, Tony, Benny and Nino?
3. Name the group that released "Freeze-Frame."
4. Who released an album titled "Disco Train"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Maybe I don't wanna know the reason why. But lately you don't talk to me, Darling I can't see me in your eyes."

Answers

1. Bachman-Turner Overdrive in 1973. Randy Bachman had started playing with ideas for the song when he was still a member of The Guess Who.
2. The DeFranco Family. Their best known hit was "Heartbeat, It's a Lovebeat," in 1973. They were on Dick Clark's "American Bandstand" nine times.
3. The J. Geils Band, in 1981, on the album of the same name. The song charted around the world.
4. Donny Osmond, in 1976. His cover of "C'mon Marianne" was the one song from the album released as a single, and it only went to No. 38. The Four Seasons' original 1967 release had climbed to No. 9.
5. "Our Love" Don't Throw It All Away," by Andy Gibb in 1978. Written by his brother Barry, it was Andy's fifth Top 10 single. Others have covered the song, including Barbra Streisand in 2005.

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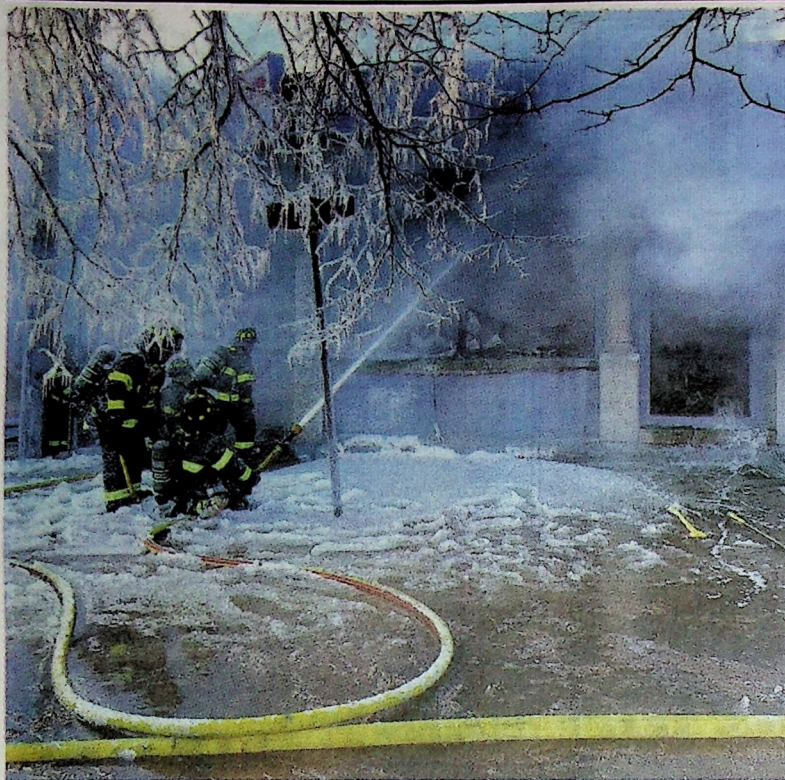
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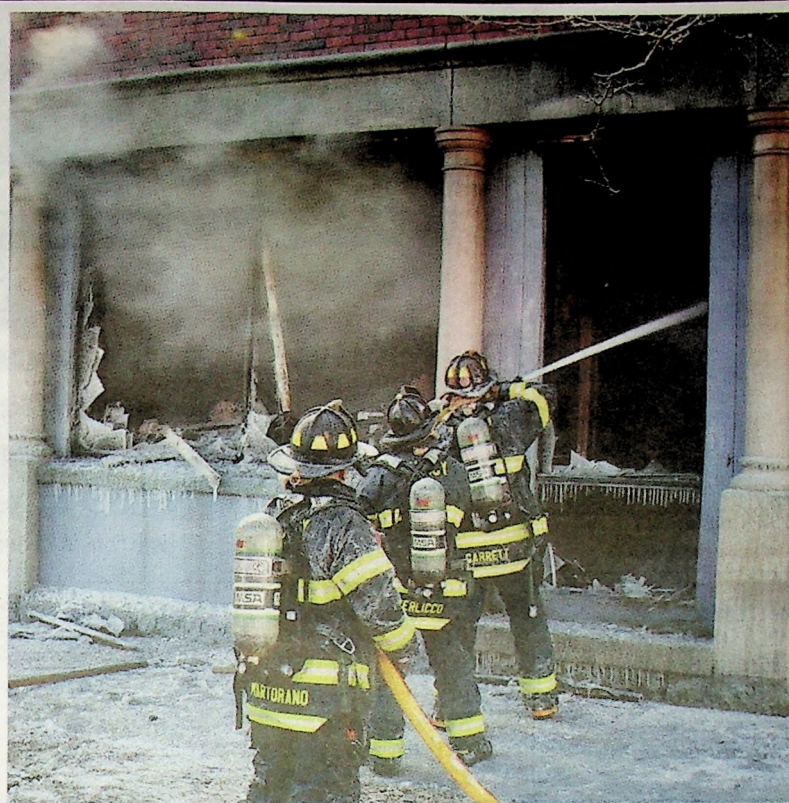
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AMID AN ARCTIC blast on Saturday morning, Quincy firefighters battled a two-alarm fire at 125 Liberty St. Temperatures at the time of the fire were as low as minus 10 degrees.

Photos courtesy Steven Sweet/Quincy Fire Department



Firefighters Battle 2-Alarm Fire At 125 Liberty Street

Cause Remains Under Investigation

By SCOTT JACKSON

The cause of a two-alarm fire at a Liberty Street auto body shop remained under investigation on Tuesday, though it's not considered suspicious.

Firefighters contended with subzero temperatures as they battled the blaze Saturday morning.

The fire at Quincy Collision & Frame Center, located at 125 Liberty St., was reported around 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The fire spread from that business to the ad-

jacent commercial building at 121 Liberty St., home to Making Your Mark.

There were reports of explosions from inside the auto body shop from the firefighters who arrived on scene.

The first companies to reach the fire had issues tapping into hydrants, which had frozen amid the below-zero temperatures. Companies were able to start their attack on the blaze using water stored inside the fire trucks before the water sup-

ply was established.

Crews quickly knocked down the heavy flames, but the fire had made it into an area of the building where it was difficult to fully extinguish the blaze.

Given the cold conditions, crews from the Department of Public Works arrived on scene to put down sand to provide firefighters with better traction. Buses also arrived on scene so that firefighters could warm up if they wished to.

No one was inside the building when the fire broke out and no injuries were reported among the firefighters on scene, aside from some who slipped on the ice.

The cause of the two-alarm fire remains under investigation as of Tuesday, Deputy Chief Timothy Burchill said. It is not considered suspicious.

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